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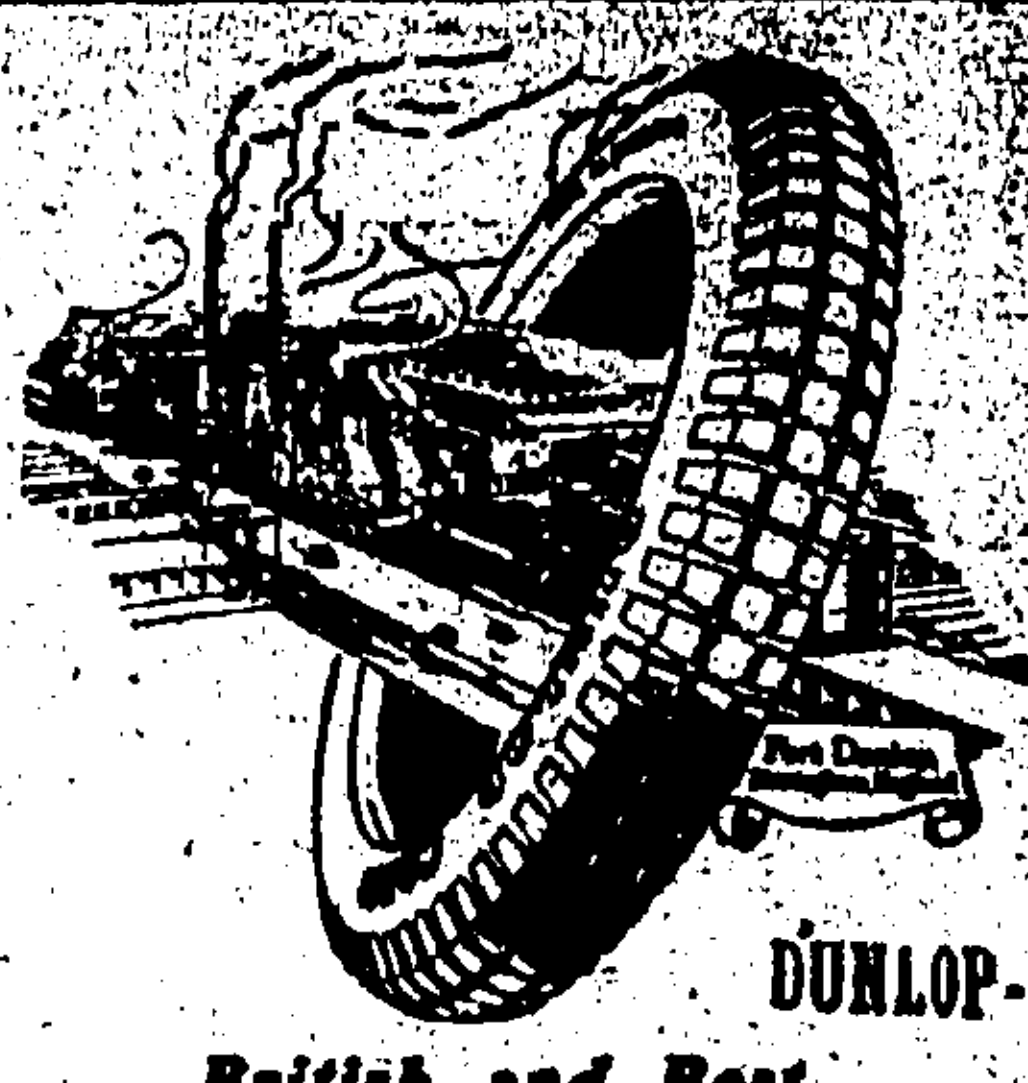
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INVESTITURE OF ADMIRAL.

COLOURFUL CEREMONY THIS MORNING.

VICE-ADMIRAL WAISTELL HAS K.C.B. DECORATION.

SURE SHIELD OF NAVY.

At an imposing ceremony at Government House this morning the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, H. E. Sir Arthur K. Waistell, was invested with the K.C.B. decoration by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.

The presentation of this high order is one of the finest ceremonies in the Empire, and the scene at Government House when the investiture took place was a memorable and impressive one. Invitations were strictly confined to members of the Legislative Council, heads of Government Departments, senior naval and military officers and members of the Press.

Striking Scene.

The ceremony was a full dress uniform and morning dress affair. Gleaming uniforms of naval, military and police officers were set off by the sombre black and grey of the civilians, while in the background was the Royal Marine Band in blue uniforms with gold facings.

Functionally at 11 a.m. the guests assembled in the ball-room to await the coming of the first procession, which entered almost immediately. This procession consisted of Captain Sillitoe, A.D.C., leading and H.E. the Governor, flanked by His Honour Sir Henry Gollan, and the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern. The party marched down the ball-room and took their places on the dais at the end.

A second procession then marched in and took up a position facing the official group on the dais. This consisted of Major Dowbiggin, A.D.C., H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, supported by Commodore R.A.S. Hill, C.B.E., and H.E. Major-General J.W. Sandilands.

H. E.'s Address.

His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, then received a copy of the Royal Warrant from Captain Sillitoe, which he read to the audience.

At the conclusion of the reading, H. E. the Governor addressed the recipient of the Order.

His Excellency said:—Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Waistell.—By the King's command and on behalf of His Majesty I invest you with the insignia of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath and, in the name of the Colony and of all British subjects in the Far East, to whom the fleet under your command is a sure shield against danger and an ever present help in time of trouble, I congratulate you on the high honour which His Majesty has been pleased to confer upon you.

The Investiture.

Receiving the insignia from Major Dowbiggin, H.E. invested Sir Arthur Waistell, and shook him by the hand, after which the Commander-in-Chief and his supporters took up their positions on the dais, and the National Anthem was played.

Following the Anthem, the party then proceeded from the ball-room in the following order:—Captain Sillitoe, leading, H.E. the Governor, flanked by H. E. Major-General Sandilands and H.E. Sir Arthur K. Waistell, Sir Henry Gollan, flanked by the Hon. Mr. Southern and Commodore Hill, with Major Dowbiggin bringing up the rear.

Career in Brief.

Vice Admiral Sir Arthur Kipling Waistell, K.C.B., succeeded Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt as Commander-in-Chief of the China Station last year, prior to which he commanded the Destroyer Flotilla of the Atlantic Fleet, 1922-23, was a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, 1923-24; in command of the First Cruiser Squadron, 1924-25. He served in the European War from 1914 to 1918, being mentioned in despatches and given the C.B. decoration.

The honour with which he was invested this morning was conferred on him in the New Year Honours for 1929.

DETROIT GUNMEN'S OUTRAGE.

IMPORTANT TRIAL WITNESS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

ATTACKED IN STREET.

Detroit, Jan. 2. A murderous attack upon Henry Garvin, the head of the Bomb Squad of the Detroit Police, apparently made with the object of preventing his appearance as a witness against Martin Cohn, the proprietor of the Study Club, has caused a sensation in Detroit.

Cohn, the cabaret proprietor, is now facing trial on a charge of manslaughter in connexion with a fire which broke out at the Study Club some two or three months ago, causing a serious loss of life.

Henry Garvin was due to appear to-day as a witness at the trial, and he was regarded as one of the most important factors in the prosecution.

The police officer was out this morning driving a car when a gang of men in another car, pulled alongside his automobile, drew revolvers and fired a dozen shots at Garvin before racing away at full speed.

Garvin fell seriously wounded, while an innocent girl bystander was also shot. She is in hospital, also, seriously wounded.—*Reuter's American Service.*

"HAI NING" OFFICER BOUND OVER.

PLEADS GUILTY TO USE OF THREATENING WORDS.

NATHAN ROAD AFFAIR.

On the re-appearance of Mr. Walter Cahane, ship's officer, of the s.s. Hai Ning, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of using threatening words, whereby a breach of the peace might be occasioned, on the staircase of 225, Nathan Road, Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Jnr., entered a plea of guilty on behalf of the defendant, while the prosecution made an application for the defendant to be bound over in a personal bond.

Mr. d'Almada:—You are for the defence, Mr. d'Almada?

Mr. d'Almada:—Yes, your Worship, and I am pleading guilty.

His Worship:—Do you wish to say anything?

Mr. d'Almada:—Well, I am entirely in your Worship's hands. Inspector Marks:—I have been in communication with the Director of Criminal Investigation, who instructs me that after going thoroughly into the case he thinks he (defendant) might be given the benefit of the doubt and he might be bound over in a substantial sum, provided no further trouble occurs—just bound over in a personal bond, but it must be substantial. I should like to suggest \$200 for one year.

His Worship:—Well, it is a plea of guilty to what I think must be a serious matter, because I don't think the police would have arrested unless they had actually apprehended danger. However, seeing the prosecution is not pressing for more than a binding over, I am quite willing to fall in with that. The bond will be for \$200 to keep the peace and to be of good behaviour for one year.

AMERICAN VIEW OF NAVAL WARFARE.

THE USEFULNESS OF THE BATTLESHIP.

Boston, Jan. 2.

The battleship is by far the most economical way of throwing high explosives about, declared the Secretary of the Navy Department, Mr. Adams, in the course of a speech to the Boston Chamber of Commerce to-day.

He went on to say that the battleship was still the most important, probably the leading weapon of the Navy.

"But," he added, "our officers are not pugilistic swashbucklers looking for war. The American Navy wants peace as much as anybody and would welcome a means of stemming competition in shipbuilding.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SCOTTISH CINEMA DISASTER.

MANAGER ARRESTED YESTERDAY.

CHARGED WITH CULPABLE HOMICIDE.

SCENES AT PAISLEY.

London, Jan. 2. A fresh development in the terrible Scottish cinema disaster on New Year's Eve, when seventy children lost their lives and over thirty others were seriously injured, occurred at Paisley to-day when the police arrested Charles Dorrard, the manager of the Glen Cinema, the scene of the dreadful affair, on a warrant.

Dorrard was taken to the Central Police Station and charged with culpable homicide.

Presumably, the charge will be based upon allegations of negligence, though it has been stated that the children were killed in trying to escape from a danger which did not exist. If there had been been no panic, there would have been no casualties.

Film Fumes.

As far as can be ascertained, the panic was caused more by smoke from a film than by actual flames. The film smouldered furiously, heavy fumes being set up, quickly

MYSTERY OF DISTRESS SIGNALS.

S.O.S. Picked Up From Hsin Chang This Morning.

TROUBLE UNKNOWN.

The China Merchants s.s. Hsin Chang, of 2,000 tons, is reported to be in distress in the China Sea approximately midway between Shanghai and Poochow. She was bound from Hongkong to Shanghai. S.O.S. messages were sent out by the vessel this morning, but up to the present, there is not the slightest indication as to what may be amiss.

The S.O.S. messages were picked up by the M.M. vessel Sphinx and passed on to the Naval authorities. It is stated that any British warship that may happen to be in the vicinity will probably go to the aid of the Hsin Chang.

When the signal was given out, the Hsin Chang's position was reported to be Lat. 28.43 N. Long. 122.15 E.

The vessel may have struck a rock, or have been pirated, or may have suffered some damage to propeller or rudder. Nothing is known at present.

filling the theatre, though it was thrown on to some waste ground within a few seconds.

Pathetic Scenes.

There were pathetic scenes in the town all day to-day in the vicinity of the infirmary and the mortuary, where many volunteers were preparing the bodies of the little victims of the disaster for burial.

Numbers of them broke down, overwhelmed with pity, and substitutes had to be found.

Hearses repeatedly visited the Mortuary to-day, slowly conveying the bodies in small white coffins to the homes of the victims along sorrow-stricken streets.

Sixty Funerals To-morrow.

There were one or two private funerals to-day, but over sixty of the victims will be laid to rest to-morrow (Saturday).

The Paisley Town Council which met behind closed blinds to-day has made all the necessary arrangements for these.

It is noteworthy that one of the schools attached to St. Mirren's Roman Catholic Church lost no fewer than twenty-one children in the disaster.

Messages of condolences have been sent to Paisley from many parts of the world.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

HONGKONG LADY'S DEATH.

MRS. BROTHERTON HARKER PASSES AWAY.

36 YEARS IN COLONY.

Many residents will learn with the utmost regret of the death of Mrs. Thekla Brotherton Harker, who passed away at the Victoria Hospital last evening in her 70th year. The deceased lady, who was extremely well-known and highly respected, had been in her usual good health until about seven weeks ago, when she was taken ill and had to be removed to hospital. The end came last evening, the cause of death being acute nephritis.

The late Mrs. Harker came to the Colony with her husband, the late Mr. Bernard Brotherton Harker, A.M.I.C.E., 36 years ago. Mr. Harker, who was a well-known civil engineer and architect, died just over 15 years ago.

For very many years, Mrs. Harker had resided at The Albany, and amongst a wide circle of friends she was much beloved. Of an unassuming character, she did a great deal of good in a quiet way, and she will be greatly missed by all who enjoyed the privilege of her friendship. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Frank Austin, and one grandson, at present home in school, and for the bereaved relatives much sympathy will be felt.

The funeral takes place to-day, passing the Monument at 5 p.m. Dean Swann will officiate.

BIG BRITISH COAL OUTPUT.

CANADIAN TESTS SHOW SUPERIORITY.

London, Jan. 2. In the week ending December 21st, British coal mines produced 5,647,200 tons, an amount which exceeds any week's output since May 1924. The wage-earners employed for the week numbered 949,400.

The superior quality of British coal had been demonstrated by a series of tests instituted by the Canadian Department of Mines. A report states that these tests were carried out on thirty fuels of the most varied type, ranging from anthracite to peat. The most efficient fuel tested was Welsh anthracite, 8.4 tons of which were equal to 10 tons of American anthracite taken as a standard. Scotch semi-anthracite was nearly as good.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT MONTH.

London, Jan. 2. More than 1,800 British manufacturers will be represented at the British Industries Fair, which opens simultaneously in the middle of February in London and Birmingham.

Buyers from 50 nations are expected to reach England in the next few weeks and 10,000 catalogues, bulking volumes of over 1,600 pages each, have been despatched to business houses in all parts of the world.—*British Wireless.*

VISIT TO "MESOPOT" BATTLEFIELDS.

PARTY TO LEAVE FROM ENGLAND.

London, Jan. 2. A visit to the war cemeteries and battlefields of Mesopotamia has been organised by the St. Barnabas Pilgrimage Fund.

The party will go overland to Marseilles on March 20th and the desert crossing from Beyrut to Baghdad will be made by car. A specially equipped river steamer has been chartered for the 500-mile journey to Basrah and Babylon and to the Chaldees.—*British Wireless.*

KWANGTUNG SALT REVENUES.

CENTRALISATION BY NANKING GOVT.

REOPENING OF THE DISTRICT INSPECTORATE.

AN IMPORTANT MOVE.

Canton, Jan. 2. An important step was made in the Nationalist Government's programme covering the centralisation of the national revenues when the Kwangtung District Inspectorate of Salt Revenue was re-opened at Canton on New Year's Day, by order of the Nationalist Finance Ministry at Nanking.

The salt revenue of Kwangtung has been locally and independently collected since May, 1923. Hence the restoration of the District Inspectorate of Salt Revenue here is a recognition of the National Salt Revenue Service which was reorganised in September, 1928, under the Ministry of Finance.

The District Inspectors for Kwangtung, Mr. Tang Shih-wan and Mr. R. D. Wolcott, were sworn into office by Mr. Fan Kee-mo, Special Finance Deputy and concurrently Chief of the Provincial Treasury, at noon on January 1st.

Possible Effect on Bonds.

The Kwangtung Central Bank has been named as the collecting

THE HONGKONG DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Inquest to be Held in Due Course.

DATE NOT YET FIXED.

We are authorised to state, after making enquiries from the Coroner (Mr. E.W. Hamilton) this morning, that an inquest will be held in due course in connexion with the tragic deaths of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett which took place at their residence, No. 110, The Peak, on New Year's night.

Certain formalities incidental to such an enquiry will have to be complied with before a definite date for the inquest can be announced.

bank. After paying Administration charges, the second charge on the revenue will be the pro rata share for Kwangtung of the foreign loans secured on the salt revenue, amounting to \$78,000 a month.

This news may have important effect on the Reorganisation Loan (1913) Bonds and other foreign loans. The balance of the collections are to be turned over to the Special Finance Deputy by the District Inspectors. It is a notable point that in the past the salt tax revenue of Kwangtung has totalled approximately \$9,000,000 a year.

Extension Planned.

As the former District Inspectorate building is now being temporarily used as a military hospital, offices have been located in the 3rd and 4th floors of the British-American Tobacco Company's building, at 268, Ching Ho Bund, opposite the Dutch Folly.

After full control has been established in the Canton River area, the District Inspectorate will extend control in the East River District, and then establish branch Inspectorates at Swatow and Pakhoi.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Record Customs Revenue.

Shanghai, Jan. 2. The Maritime Customs revenue for 1929 amounted to 162,760,000 Halkwan taels, as compared with 82,332,000 HK. taels in 1923. The sterling equivalent of last year's revenue, at an average rate of exchange of 2s. 7.18/16d. is £20,248,900, as compared with £12,028,000 in the previous year.

The native Customs revenue amounted to 4,580,000 HK. taels as compared with 3,580,000 HK. taels in 1928.—*(Continued on Page 12.)*

A NEW COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER.

PRINTS MESSAGE FROM THE THIRD INTERNATIONALE.

WHAT OF THE PLEDGE?

London, Jan. 2. In view of the pledge of the Soviet Government regarding propaganda, which came into effect only a fortnight ago on the presentation of credentials by the respective Ambassadors, some considerable stir has been created in London by the publication of Soviet messages in the new Communist newspaper, the *Daily Worker*.

The *Daily Worker* is published in London, having been started quite recently.

This morning, the paper contained a message from the Praesidium of the Third Communist Internationale at Moscow, greeting the *Daily Worker* as the rallying point for the fight against the "Social Fascist Labour Government," against capitalism and rationalisation, and against "colonial brutalities, etc."

Enquiries were made of a member of the Russian Ambassador's staff by a *Reuter's* representative, who was informed that no official statement regarding the message in the *Daily Worker* was possible.

"We may have something to say in a day or two," he added.—*Reuter.*

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

QUEEN'S PARK OVERCOME THE CELTS.

THREE HOME DEFEATS

London, Jan. 2. A full programme of Scottish League fixtures played to-day produced few surprises, though the victories of Dundee and Airdrieonians away from home were good performances.

Rangers defeated Partick Thistle, while Queen's Park again did well, beating Celtic by the odd goal of three.

Rangers, Queen's Park and Airdrie were the only teams to obtain four points from the New Year matches, while Celtic, Dundee United and Hamilton were the only sides which lost both fixtures.

The results as cabled by *Reuter*, are appended:

Aberdeen	2 Hearts	2
Clyde	2 St. Johnstone	0
Dundee Un.	1 Ayr Un.	2
Falkirk	4 Motherwell	1
Hamilton	0 Airdrie	1
Hibernians	0 Dundee	1
Kilmarnock	3 Cowdenbeath	2
Morton	2 St. Mirren	0
Queen's Park	2 Celtic	0
Rangers	2 Partick T.	1

NOTED WESLEYAN MINISTER.

REV. MARK GUY PEARSE PASSES AWAY.

London, Jan. 2.

The death occurred yesterday of the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, who was for over half a century a popular Wesleyan minister, author and lecturer. Had he lived, he would have been 83 years old to-morrow.—*British Wireless.*

[The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, who was born at Camborne, Cornwall, was in his early days a medical student at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He entered the Wesleyan ministry in 1863, and for many years was Missioner at St. James' Hall in connexion with the West London Mission. He was an extremely able and versatile lecturer, and the author of numerous literary and religious works.]

A FAST FLIGHT FROM LONDON TO PARIS.

FRENCHMAN DOES 235 MILES IN 88 MINUTES.

Paris, Jan. 2. M. Bart, a French aviator experimenting with speed machines, to-day covered the 235 miles from London to Paris in 88 minutes. He was flying a Golden Ray plane, and averaged approximately 160 miles an hour.—*Reuter.*

CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY.

NEW YEAR STATEMENT BY C. T. WANG.

INLAND WATERWAYS AND SHIPPING.

CHINESE BOATS ONLY.

Shanghai, Jan. 2.

In a New Year's Day statement on foreign policy, issued by Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, yesterday, it is intimated that steps will be taken in the coming year to restrict traffic on China's inland waterways to Chinese shipping.

Dr. C. T. Wang also absolves the Nanking Government from any responsibility for the surrender in Manchuria to the Soviet Government. He says that it was purely a local affair, the concern of the local authorities and did not call for the direct attention of the Foreign Office.

Purely Local.

He states that General Chang Hsueh-liang and Mr. Tsai Yun-hsiang have in no way transgressed upon the authority of the Nanking Foreign Ministry. They have taken no step without first informing the Foreign Office regarding their intentions, but since the C.E.R. dispute was a purely local affair, it was not considered necessary to interfere with their decisions.

Dr. Wang is also critical regarding foreign journalists. Referring to the termination of internal strife in Central and South China, he says that the Government is determined to maintain peace and good order in the entire country, and a great deal of harm is done by the activity of foreign journalists in disseminating anti-Government propaganda.

Attack on Government.

The Chinese Government has, he said, noticed the growing tendency among foreign journalists to indulge in reactionary attacks on the Government, designed to create false impressions at home and abroad regarding the real political situation in China. The Japanese have been especially warned, and action may be taken.

The Foreign Minister draws attention to the fact that Provincial Departments of the Foreign Ministry have been closed down as from January 1st and says that their work will in future be handled by Provincial Government officials or the Chinese courts. The National Government contemplates large additions to the number of its consuls abroad.

Future Policy.

Regarding future policy, Dr. C. T. Wang says that it will be one of the first acts of the Foreign Office in the coming year to restore the integral rights of Chinese citizens regarding marine communications inland. Chinese shipping interests will be protected by the proposed action against foreign shipping firms.

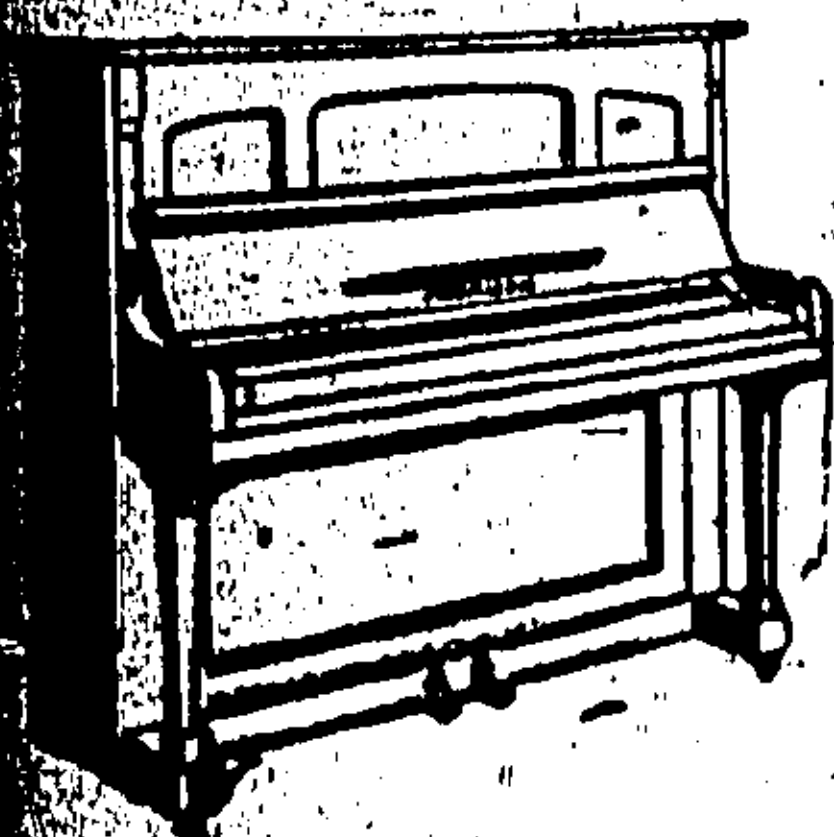
The withdrawal of foreign troops from Chinese soil will also be insisted upon. Representations have already been made and the Powers have intimated their willingness to withdraw a large number of the men in North China, which are quite unnecessary, particularly in view of the change of capital.

The Chinese Government, the Proclamation concludes, will insist upon the accomplishment of her demand for the abolition of extrajurisdiction and the rendition of foreign concessions and leased lands in China.

Action Taken.

Shanghai, Jan. 2. The Foreign Ministry has issued orders depriving a well-known Japanese news agent in Shanghai, Yon, of the use of Chinese telegraph lines, in consequence of the publication on December 9th, 1929, of a sensational article in the *Yon* newspaper, alleging the flight of Chiang Kai-shek from Nanking in an airplane, and on 19th December, another news item, that Marshal Ye Hsiang-shan had demanded the extradition of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

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FUNERAL OF MR. AND MRS. BURNETT.

LARGE GATHERING PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS.

Amid many expressions of grief, the mortal remains of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett were laid to rest at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The funeral was attended by a very large number of friends of the deceased lady and gentleman, as well as the whole of the staff of the *China Mail* and *Sunday Herald*, those present at the graveside including:

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. J. Anderson, Mr. A. C. Arculli, Capt. F. Baylis, Mr. R. T. Barrett (representing the *Daily Press*), Mr. P. Branch, Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. A. H. Crook, O.B.E., Mr. C. J. Cooke, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. J. C. Fletcher, Mr. P. T. Farrell, Mr. F. P. Franklin (*Hongkong Telegraph*), Mr. L. Forster, Mr. J. E. Greig, Chief Inspector F. Grant, Mr. W. L. Handyside, Mr. A. Hicks (*Hongkong Telegraph*), Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. A. T. Hamilton, Mr. S. O. Hill, Mr. C. W. Jeffries, Mr. W. Kay, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. T. T. Laurensen, Mr. L. E. Lammert, Mr. V. C. Labrum, Mr. G. P. Lammert, Mr. C. C. Mycock, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Mr. T. Murphy, (A.D.C.I.), Mr. F. A. Mackintosh, Capt. D. Morgan, Mr. J. L. McPherson, Mr. G. F. Nightingale, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nish, Hon. Mr. J. O'Connell, Mr. B. Pasco, Mr. J. Ralston, Mr. H. Rutledge, Mr. P. W. Ramsay, Mr. O. A. Smith, Mr. A. W. Smith, Mr. J. S. Smith, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. G. W. Sellers, Mr. H. Seth, Mr. G. F. Taylor, Mr. P. Tester, Mr. A. W. Tickle, Mr. B. Wylie (*South China Morning Post*), Mrs. B. Wylie, Mr. D. C. Wilson, Mr. Denis H. Hazell and others.

A contingent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was also present under Mr. E. Ralph and Mr. A. Morris, whilst the *China Mail* and *Sunday Herald* were represented by Messrs. D. C. Wilson, J. E. Wilson, J. T. Dobble and Mrs. Dobble, C. L. Clarke, Wai Po-cheung, P. T. Julian, E. and S. McNider, Mrs. Batalha and the Misses Batalha.

The simple service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Knight-Anstey, and afterwards a wonderful array of floral tributes, betokening the esteem and respect in which the late Mr. and Mrs. Burnett were held, were laid around the grave.

Family wreaths and those from the staff were sent by: "Dear Mother and Dad," from Gordon, "Loving Brother," "Auntie Mary Beran," "Billy and Margaret," "Stanley and Eric," "Will, Annie and Madge," "Bob and Elsie," Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dobble and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Batalha and daughters, Miss R. Rozario, "An old Peki, Wai Po Cheung," Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clarke, Mr. C. M. McDonald (Peking), Mr. H. J. Timperley (Peking), Ng Chan-kee.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mrs. Kotewall, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanderson, Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hampden Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson and Bonnie, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lammert, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ray, and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keates, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nish, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hawker, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh, Mr. and Mrs. F. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. May, Thelma and Norma, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bunio, Mr. and Mrs. T. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pestonji, and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wallington, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. F. Julian, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Remington.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

OFFICER OF PUNJAB REGIMENT DIES IN HIS SLEEP.

When the men of the Battalion of the Punjab Regiment stationed at Whitfield Barracks were summoned for the usual parade yesterday morning, an officer named Jamand Singh failed to make his appearance. A search was immediately instituted for him and he was eventually found in his quarters lying dead in his bed.

The room appeared in proper order and there was nothing to give rise to suspicion. The military authorities at once notified the police of the discovery and Sub-Inspector Gorian was immediately dispatched to make an investigation.

From all appearances the deceased officer had died in his sleep from heart failure. A full enquiry is to be instituted to determine the cause of death and it is probable that certain organs will be submitted for an examination for traces of drugs or poison.

Jamand Singh was popular among his fellow officers and comrades, and his death cast a spell of gloom over the entire Regiment.

PECULIAR CUSTOM.

FEATHERS PLUCKED OFF BIRD WHILE STILL ALIVE.

A case of gross ill-treatment of a quail was brought to light when a Chinese appeared before Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday and admitted a charge of plucking the feathers off the bird while it was still alive.

On receiving the defendant's answer of admission of the charge his Worship exclaimed, "You actually plead guilty to plucking the feathers off a quail while it was still alive! What was the object of doing that?"

The defendant replied that he did not know the customs of the Colony. He said that in his country, the feathers were taken off birds while they were still alive because people ate them like that.

His Worship: They eat them alive?

The defendant intimated that the birds were not eaten alive but the blood of live birds was used for medicinal purposes.

His Worship: I have seen a man doing something like that before but he was an uncivilised savage.

The defendant repeated that he did not know the customs of Hongkong.

His Worship: Would you like to be skinned alive?

The defendant said that it was customary in his country to pluck the feathers off birds while they were still alive.

It was stated that the quail had since died.

His Worship asked Sub-Inspector James, who prosecuted, if he had heard of such a custom as stated by the defendant.

The officer replied that he had never heard of such a custom.

The Court interpreter remarked, in reply to his Worship, that such a custom was known to certain people in China.

His Worship said that he would take that into consideration in imposing a penalty, which he would otherwise have been made more heavy. He had to make it known, however, that whatever was the custom in China, it could not be done in Hongkong.

A fine of \$25 or three weeks' hard labour was imposed.

In other cases of cruelty two Chinese were each fined \$20 on charges of hawking chickens and over crowding them. It was stated in both cases that the fowls were in a distressed condition and some had died shortly after being taken out of the baskets in which they were confined.

Green Club, Victoria Recreation Club, Repulse Bay Hotel and Hongkong Hotel.

Officers and Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Kowloon Division, Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division, Indian Division, Mongkok Division, China Athletic Association Division, Motor Drivers' Association Division, Victoria Nursing Division, Hongkong Branch, Boy Scouts Association.

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NEW YEAR OUTLOOK.

OFFICIAL OPTIMISM IN AMERICA.

Washington, Jan. 2. Mr. Mellon predicts steady business prospects for the United States during 1930. The Secretary of Commerce forecasts a continuance of prosperity and progress.

The American Federation of Labour is also optimistic, though more cautious, and predicts "a fairly good business year." Mr. Mellon declares that ample credit will be available, and interest rates will rule at an attractively low figure. He says the Government is in a position to do its part to help the country to solve the problems ahead, and concludes by emphasising that there is no warrant for pessimism.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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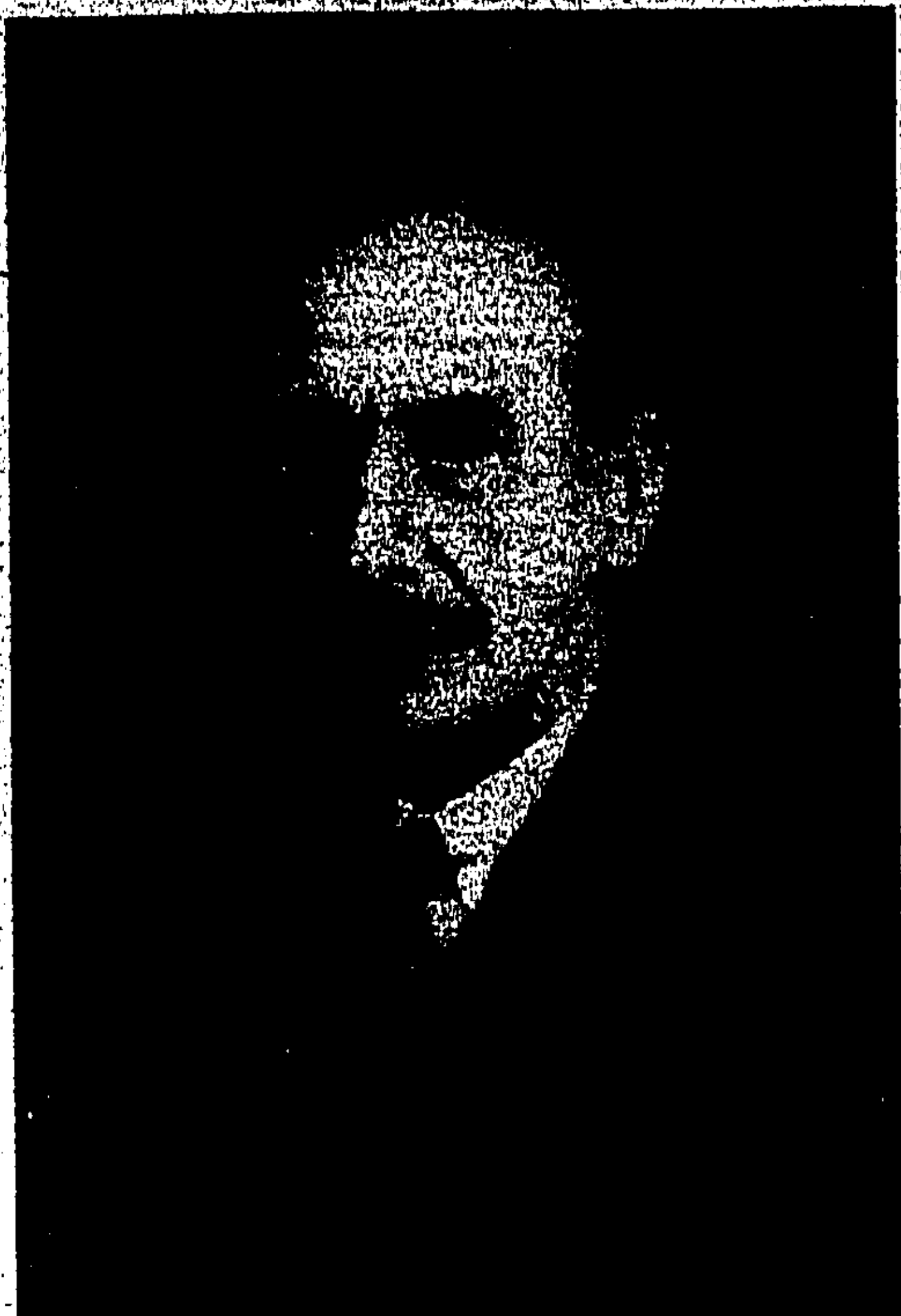


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Mr. A. H. Crook, the headmaster of Queen's College, whose name appears in the New Year Honours List. He has been awarded the O. B. E. after many years of service for education in this Colony. He has been headmaster of Queen's for four years, succeeding Mr. B. Tanner.



The Spirit of Christmas was in evidence at Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw's Shanghai store recently when 70 little orphans, headed by "Grandma" Henderson, the foreign "Angel" to scores of Chinese orphans, visited the toy department of the big shop as guests of the management. In addition to inspecting the wonderful display of toys, each child was given a toy, an orange, an apple, sweets and a balloon.



Mr. A. de Mello, the Third Engineer of the Hatching, who has been awarded the Hon. M. B. E. Assailed by four armed pirates he eluded them and assisted in the defence of the bridge.



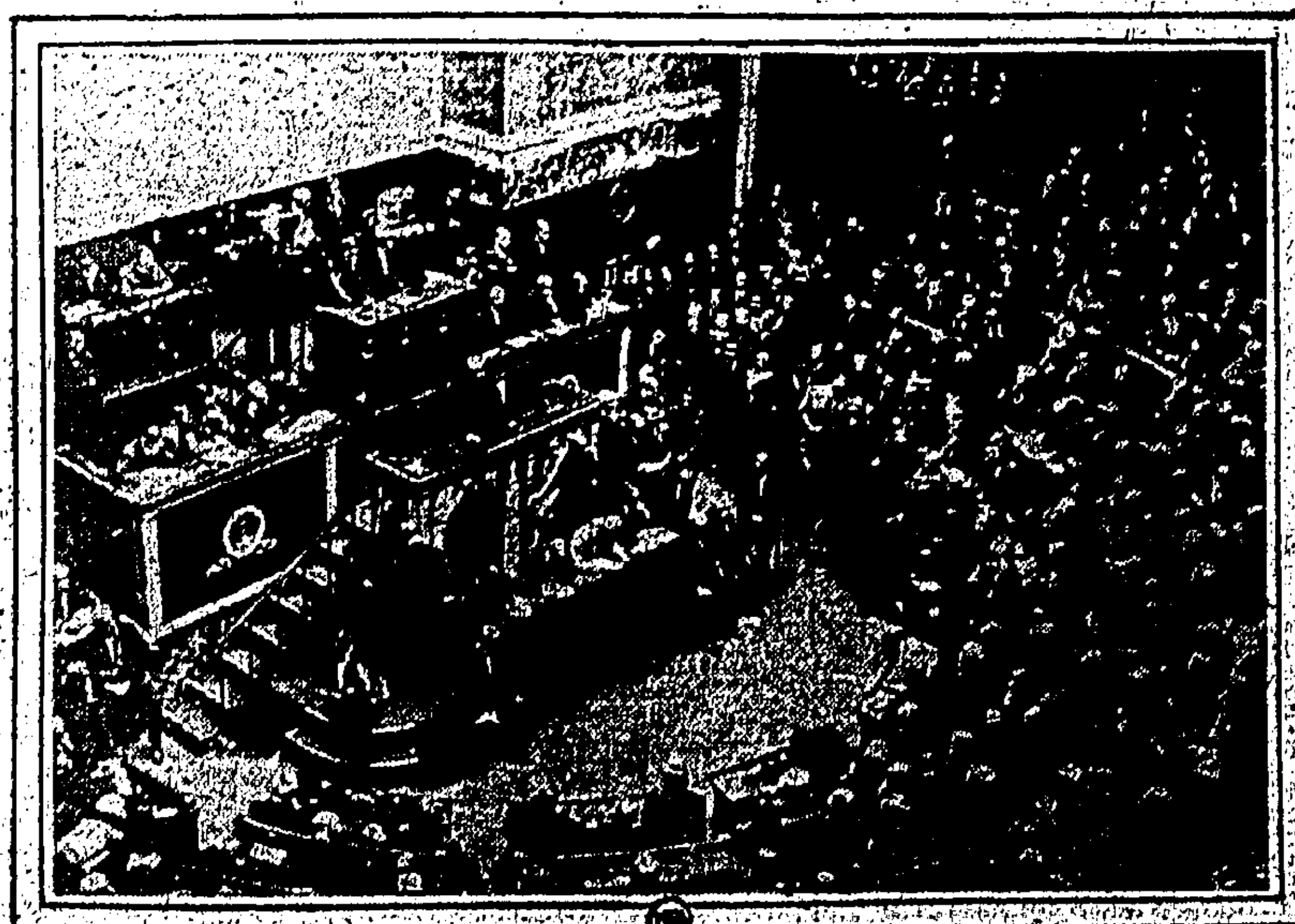
The Old Grill Room of the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai, was the scene of an enjoyable affair when members of the Swiss Rifle Club met for a dinner-dance.



Above is Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the newly-appointed American Minister to China.



Soldiers, gingerbread men, the top, the jack-in-the-box, the teddy bear and the overalls boy—who added to the success of the Christmas operetta at the American School, Shanghai, recently.



Our picture shows the Chamber of Deputies, scene of many dramatic events in France's history, in session at Paris. Notice the well-like appearance of the chamber. When this picture was taken, M. Aristide Briand, whose cabinet went down to defeat a few weeks ago, was urging support of the Ministry formed by his successor, Andre Tardieu. Briand is shown on the speaker's stand.



Photo taken after the wedding of Mrs. S. N. Kozersky and Mr. H. A. Alexandrov, of the S. M. Police Force.

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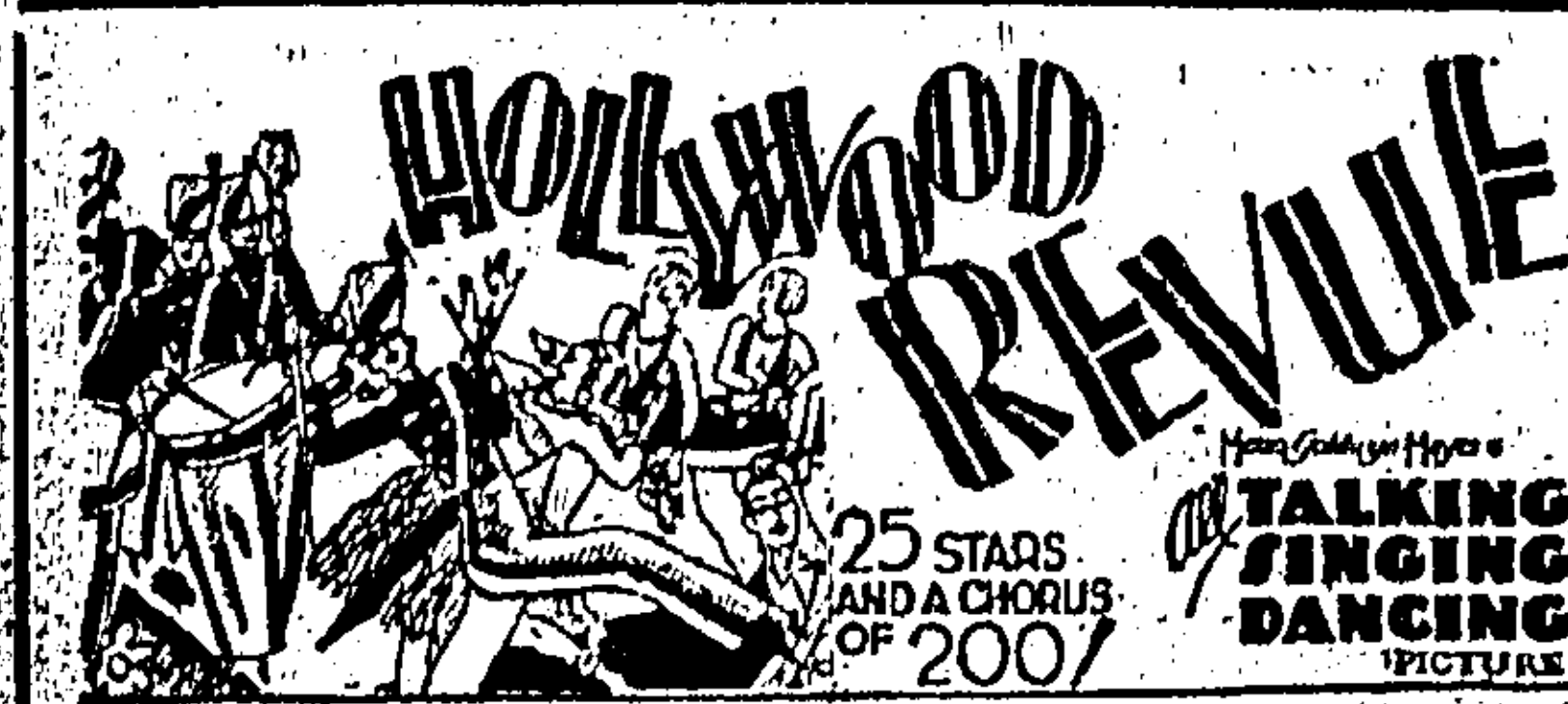
"PHIENUS" From NEW YORK via SINGAPORE. are hereby notified that their cargo having arrived per s.s. "PHIENUS" from Singapore will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on or after 3rd January. Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th January will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 23rd January, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Bill of Lading.	Marks & Numbers.	Description of cargo.	ex S.S.
Antwerp No. 1	W Hongkong	10 Cases Window Glass	"City of Tokio" arrived 16.7.29
No. 2.		9 pkgs. Dismantled Trucks	do
		4 Turn Tables	do
No. 4.	White K.C.L. Hongkong	3240 Pieces Rails, 162 Bundles Fish Plate	do
		3 Cases Clamps	do
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Hongkong, 31st December, 1929.

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Annual Race Meeting, 22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th February & 1st March, 1930.

Draft Programmes are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1930.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that, in connection with Mr. F. Lafleur's furlough, Mr. F. J. A. DE JONGH will take charge of the Hongkong office as from the 1st day of January 1930.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 6th day of January, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	1287	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2551, Wang Shui Chung, Cheung Sha Wan Road.	As per sale plan.	About 1,152	\$8	\$1,728

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NOTICE.

Mr. O. Hechtel and Mr. D. Muhle have been authorized by me to sign my firm as from 1st January 1930.

The former for Hongkong, the latter for Canton and Swatow.

G. E. HUYGEN.

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LIKELY DISCLOSURE OF BIG ANTI-FASCIST PLOT.

Paris, Jan. 2.

The arrest of three Italian anti-Fascists, Sardelli, an ex-Deputy, Turchiani, former editor of the 'Corriere del Lavoro', and Cianca, a prominent journalist, following the discovery of a huge quantity of high explosive at their home, has caused a sensation in the city. It is believed that the discovery will lead to the disclosure of a vast anti-Fascist plot—

New Advertisements

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ACTION NO. 8 OF 1928.

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Plaintiff

AND

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"LADIES AT PLAY."

INTRIGUING COCKTAIL OF COMEDY COMING.

"Ladies at Play" is the intriguing title of the first National picture which comes to the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, to-morrow, with Doris Kenyon and Lloyd Hughes in the featured roles.

Sparkling comedy, good-natured satire, thrills, suspense, surprises, and even little touches of pathos combine to make "Ladies at Play" a real comedy cocktail, and one that the whole family can see and enjoy. Supporting the leading players are Philo McCullough, Louise Fazenda, Virginia Lee Corbin, Hallam Cooley, John Patrick, and Ethel Wales, all in novel characterizations.

The story has to do with the inheritance by the heroine of six million dollars, on condition that she marry a man who meets with the approval of her two old-fashioned, straight-laced spinster aunts. The musical comedy show, "The High Steppers" will support the above picture making two first-class shows in one programme. "The High Steppers" will appear in a complete change of programme. Sootsman should not miss this programme as it is announced that Sid Clarke, the fiddling funster, will give a selection of Scottish airs on his violin.

The December number of The Yellow Dragon is to hand. It contains, as usual, interesting information regarding Queen's College, of which it is the school organ. Following a Christmas editorial are detailed notes on school sports and articles on the Chinese stage, matriculation examination results, class notes and much other information.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Burma Maru	January 3.
U.S.A. (Seattle 14th December), Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson	January 4.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	January 4.
Manila	Kitano Maru	January 5.
Australia and Manila	President Pierce	January 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Nellora	January 6.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 18th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	January 10.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 18th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Polk	January 11.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 20th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	January 12.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 18th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft	January 13.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 18th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru	January 18.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Date and Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning Fri. Jan. 3, 4 p.m.
Haiphong	Song Bo Fri. Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
Manila	Ninghai Fri. Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
Batavia and Bangkok	Blintang Fri. Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rajputana Sat. Jan. 4. K.P.O. Parcols Jan. 4, 4.30 p.m. Registration Jan. 4, 9 a.m. Letters Jan. 4, 10 a.m. G.P.O.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Parcols Jan. 3, 5 p.m. Registration Jan. 4, 9.45 a.m. Letters Jan. 4, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 31st Jan.)
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	G. G. Maurice Long Sat. Jan. 4, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Mantua Sat. Jan. 4, 10 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Taiyo Maru Sat. Jan. 4. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 29th Jan. 1930.)
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Taiyo Maru Sat. Jan. 4. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5.30 p.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 24th Jan. 1930.)
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Pres. Jackson Sat. Jan. 5, 8.30 a.m. Kanchow Sun. Jan. 5, 9 a.m. Canton Maru Sun. Jan. 5, 9 a.m. Kaying Sun. Jan. 5, 9 a.m. Kitano Maru Mon. Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m. Yuenang Mon. Jan. 6. Parcols noon. Letters 1 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Burma Maru Mon. Jan. 6. Registration 12.15 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m. (Due Brisbane 24th Jan.)
Swatow	Hydrangea Mon. Jan. 6, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Anking Mon. Jan. 6, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Pierce Mon. Jan. 6. Parcols 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 24th Jan. 1930.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	President Pierce Mon. Jan. 6. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5.30 p.m.
	Diomed Tues. Jan. 7. K.P.O. Registration 1.00 p.m. Letters 1.00 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 1.50 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 7th Feb.)

*Superscribed Correspondence only.

GARRISON NEWS.

OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS AT FOOTBALL.

The officers and sergeants of the K.O.S.B. opened the New Year in fine style by participating in a fancy dress football match. The kick-off was held for 10 a.m. but as early as 9 a.m. many of the players could be seen sitting on their costumes. The number of spectators, too, would have done credit to the Sookunpoo ground. The band, also in fancy dress, rendered selections before, during and after the game. Teams: Officers—Major Crake, (in dressing gown), Lieut. Piper (footballer), Lieut. Tregear (Highlander), Hamish Macfarlane, Lieut. Mattingley (boxer), Lieut. Welch (Trainer to Lieut. Mattingley), Lieut. Scott Elliott (Burglar), Lieut. Richardson (American tourist), Capt. White (footballer), Lieut. Maxwell (footballer), Lieut. Selson (ricksha boy), Lieut. Kelly (Johnnie).

Sergeants—Sergeant Reeves (policeman), Sergeant Bruce (policeman), Sergeant Richardson (policeman), Sergeant Bowden (Pince Charles), Sergeant Gilliland (policeman), Sergeant Marshall (Shinab the Sailor), C. S. M. Miller (Abdullah), Sergeant McGilchrist (costermonger), Sergeant Canning (footballer), Sergeant Bunting (Bob Boy), Sergeant Hope (Heather Tatcher).

Referee—R. S. M. Parkinson. Linemen—Capt. Paton-Reid, O. S. M. Mackay, Red Cross, Capt. Sandeman.

When the players arrived on the field some amusement was caused by Mr. Kelly, in evening dress and opera hat, arriving in a ricksha pulled by Mr. Selson, who was dressed as a ricksha puller. He was followed by Capt. Paton-Reid dressed as a Mandarin in a chair.

At 10 a.m. R. S. M. Parkinson whistled the teams together, and a group photograph was taken of the players and officials. Ends were chosen in an amusing manner, the players being lined up in the centre of the field and a messenger handed the referee an envelope large parcel after carefully judging the outside wrappers the contents disclosed a rather outsize in bones. The officers won the toss, and His Excellency the G.O.C. kicked off.

The officers were soon in attack and Mr. Mattingley was seen in action when he gathered the ball (in his arms) and got into the sergeants' area. Play centred round the sergeants, for some little time, and with four policemen defending, the goal Mr. Selson opened the score for the officers.

The sergeants then made a dash for the officers' end, Major Crake cleared from Canning and later from McGilchrist and Bunting, but try as the sergeants might, the officers' defence held out.

Canning eventually broke through the defence with a pass from Miller and with Major Crake out, he levelled the score. A penalty at the sergeants' end gave the officers the advantage. Major Crake took the kick, and made no mistake, with Reeves in a horizontal position in the goal-mouth.

The Second Half.

The sergeants looked like losing, and they brought in their last line of defence early in the second half. Two machine guns were positioned on the either side of the sergeants' goal. This kept the officers out for a time, but the sergeants resorted to other methods when the officers got near their goal. A chain and ball was fixed to the ground, and Mr. Kelly, who appeared to have had too much of the ball, was chased by the police, sergeants Reeves, Gilliland, Bruno and Richardson, and eventually arrested and handcuffed to the chain.

The officers continued to have most of the game and Mr. Richardson scored their third goal, and it was obvious that some more of the officers would require to be locked up if the sergeants were to win. Mr. Mattingley was clubbed and brought in, and later Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Tregear were fixed up. Mr. Selson put the issue beyond doubt, however, when he scored the officers' fourth goal.

It was an amusing match, good sport being provided.

Presentations Made.

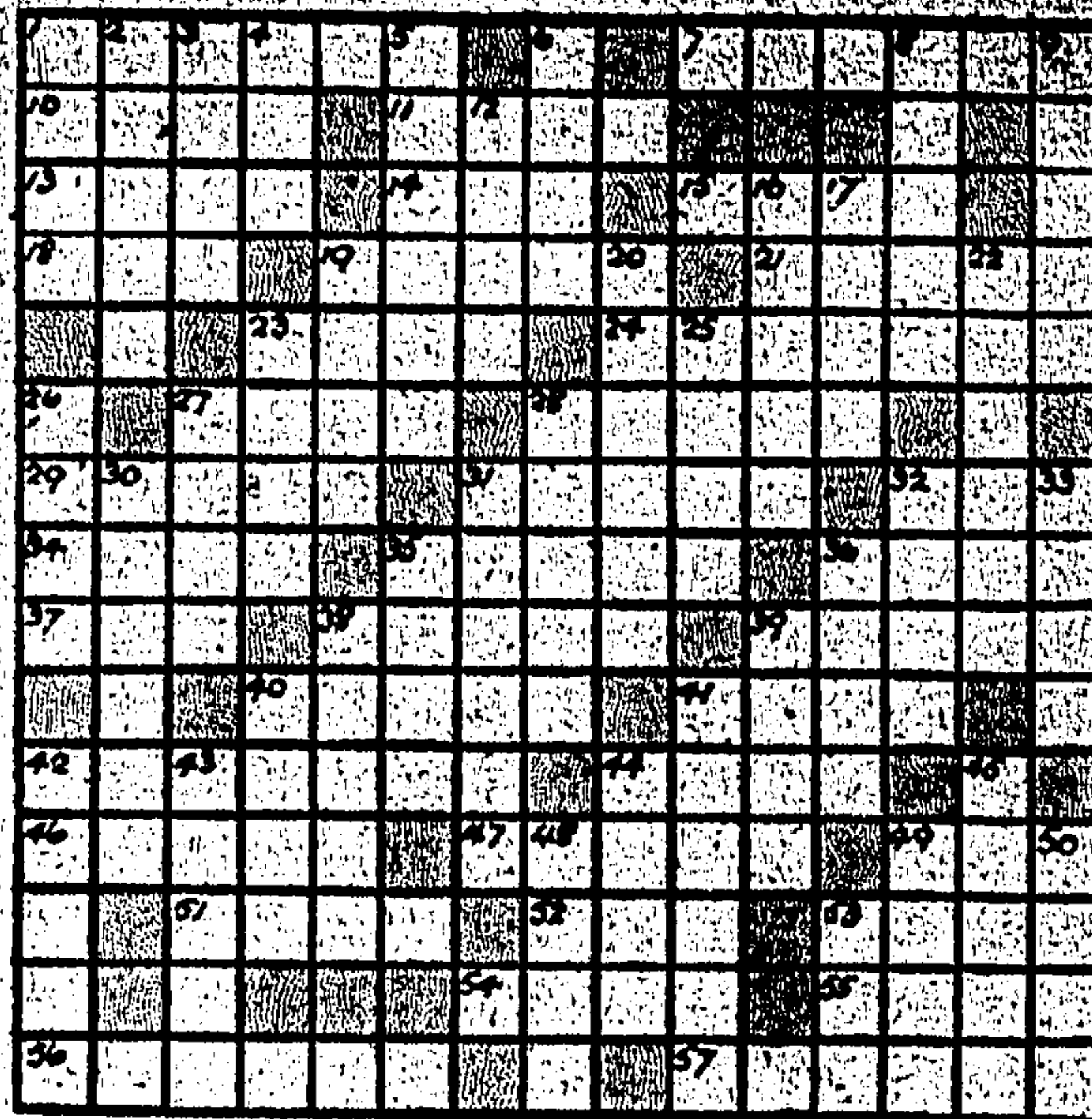
Mr. Parkinson presented the (aluminium) Charity Cup to the captain of the officers team, Major Crake, and medals of sergeants' courage on blue ribbon to each of the players.

The sergeants were presented with the wooden spoon, a grand ornament nicely decorated with the Leslie Tarnan. Its workmanship was a masterpiece. It now adorns the walls of the Sergeants' Mess, where it has been for four years, and where it is likely to remain.

At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Parkinson for having made the presentation. This was heartily given with the usual vigour. It was observed also that a cheer was given for the referee, who put in a good deal of useful work, having a kick occasionally when he thought the ball required it.

The players, officers and sergeants then marched off, behind the band, to the Officers' Mess. It is understood this is the custom.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS



Across

- 1 Process of growing.
- 10 Declared.
- 11 Temper.
- 12 Shout.
- 13 Not working.
- 14 Odd run in cricket.
- 15 Jail.
- 16 Article of food.
- 17 Roar.
- 21 Squeeze.
- 22 Servant.
- 23 Murrurs.
- 24 Fend off.
- 25 Prepared in an oven.
- 26 Fowl of the oak.
- 31 Frickly shrub.
- 32 Exclamation denoting contempt.
- 34 Accepted.
- 35 Discovered.
- 36 Needy.
- 37 Possessed.
- 38 Residences.
- 39 Child.
- 40 Not true.
- 41 Abridgment.
- 42 Violent onset.
- 44 Call.
- 46 Remaining fragment.
- 47 Dwarf.
- 49 Snare.
- 51 Alcoholic beverages.
- 52 Elliptical object.
- 53 Liberate.
- 54 Coal-barge.
- 55 Lubricates.
- 56 Half-hon, half woman.
- 57 Amend.

Down

- 1 Grasp.
- 2 Wireless.
- 3 Side glance.
- 4 Tiny.
- 5 Mongrel.
- 6 Merriment.
- 8 Broaden.
- 9 Apparel.

Saw

- 16 Higher.
- 17 Dry.
- 19 Storing place for grain.
- 20 Filters.
- 22 Superior in rank.
- 23 Observe critically.
- 25 Gave sparingly.
- 26 Vessel for holding water.
- 27 Forest.
- 28 Boast.
- 30 Unrefined.
- 31 Exports.
- 32 Baffle.
- 33 Eagle.
- 35 Hew down.
- 36 Bucket.
- 38 Pertness.
- 39 Annoy.
- 40 Be unsuccessful.
- 41 Unravel.
- 42 Sunk spaces before windows.
- 43 Long cut.
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MAJESTIC THEATRE.

SPLENDID PROGRAMME NOW SHOWING.

Continuous laughter and applause greeted the vaudeville stars of the musical comedy show "The High Steppers" and the supporting attraction, the First National Picture "Ladies' Night in a Turkish Bath," at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, on New Year's night, when the double attraction programme were shown to packed houses.

Sid Clarke, the Fiddling Funster, proved himself to be a very capable violinist and fiddler in any attitude. Bert Beals, the clown, juggles with everything he lays hands on, but misses everything excepting his meals. Alice Benna, the girl with the twinkling feet, does some very snappy dances. Mahomet Kassin, the Son of India, possesses a baritone voice and sings what he composes.

The Turkish bath incident in the supporting picture, wherein Jack Mulhall and a friend appeared in a Turkish bath, on Ladies' Night while escaping from pursuing policemen, is beyond a shadow of a doubt as funny a situation as ever presented in motion picture.

COMMUNIST PARTY.

AMERICAN BODY EXPELS PROMINENT MEMBER.

New York, Jan. 2. The New York Times, under-stands that Dr. Scott Nearing, whose political opinions were responsible for the loss of his Professorships in Pennsylvania and Toledo Universities, has now been expelled from the Communist party.

Dr. Nearing recently antagonized his fellow Communists by criticizing the way the party ran the Presidential campaign of 1928.—Reuter's American Service.

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WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Beauty and Routine.

[By Ann Moresby.]

You may have a beauty treatment in London or New York, Paris or Madrid, or, indeed, in any place where there is a beauty specialist at all, but wherever she is, and whatever her actual methods, you may be quite sure that she will never neglect the following details, if she is competent:

She will cleanse the skin thoroughly; she will feed the tissues; and she will tone up the pores of the skin and the underlying muscles.

These are the basic needs of all skins, for all the vast variation in their types, and these are the three important points to remember in one's own daily care of the skin at home.

A Definite Routine.

It is much easier to remember them and to keep the skin always well groomed if one follows a definite routine in the morning and evening treatments.

Some specialists advise you on each step that you should take in caring for your own particular skin; and every woman can work out a method for herself if she cares to.

A thorough cleansing: always comes first. It is folly to attempt to feed the skin if the pores are too choked with dust or powder to receive nourishment.

You may use soap and water, or you may not. This is for the individual to decide; but if you do, the water must be soft and it must not be too hot; the soap must be pure and should be rich in fat; and you must pat your face gently.

(Continued on Next Column.)

Tennis Queen.



Misa K. Takiguchi, the Helen Wills of Japanese tennis, is the new champion of her native land. She won the title in a tournament recently conducted in Tokyo in which all of Japan's outstanding women players participated.

Not only do the palms of the hands convey the past or future. The tops of the hands, terminating in nails that were given to us perfectly groomed at birth, speak eloquently of care or neglect.

How many times do we observe women who are carefully dressed from hat to shoes, with glowing complexions, and well kept hair, who seek to hide their hands beneath their napkins at the luncheon table?

It isn't just the woman of leisure to-day who boasts of beautifully kept hands. Science is showing the housewife how to dispense with that rough, red look that comes from putting the hands in severely hot water and using soaps with heavy lye foundations. Rubber gloves, worn when getting into corners with the dust-mop, also help to preserve the soft texture and whiteness of the hands.

An Oatmeal Remedy.

I recall advice given several years ago by an older woman to one who was about to start house-keeping. This woman had done the family chores for years and yet had hands as white as any prima-donna's. They had been kept in this condition, she said, by keeping a bag of ordinary oatmeal close to the basin, and when she was through with her dish-washing, she would rub some of the oatmeal into her hands, thus bleaching out the discoloration caused by the hot water.

Unless a woman is very stout, she does not have the plump, dimpled hands that one admires so on a baby but which are not so sought after later on in life. Rather, the hands are the first telltale talismans of age. Unless they are well nourished with

with a soft towel until it is completely dry. Hard rubbing is apt to stretch the skin and increase any tendency to flabbiness.

If you use cleansing cream instead of soap and water, take what you need out of its pot with a bone or ivory spoon (not your fingers) and let it soak well into the skin before removing it with soft cleansing tissues.

Now the skin is ready to be toned and nourished.

Astringent Lotion.

If the muscles are at all weak and the skin is inclined to sag, you will saturate a piece of cotton

creams or oils, they shrivel up and wrinkle just as the face does. The good old-fashioned mixture of glycerine and rose water is an excellent "tonic," particularly in cold weather when they are likely to chap from exposure. However, in this day and age, when warm suede gloves are procurable, it is quite unnecessary for anyone to expose hands, and particularly wrists, to the elements.

Hair Complements Face.

The nails should be treated in relation to the hands, as the hair is dressed as a complement to the face. Their length and shape depends upon whether the hands are square or long, whether the fingers taper or are short and stubby. An extremely long, pointed nail is slightly out of place on a short, pudgy hand, but by modifying the length and shaping them gradually to a point, the fingers may take on a longer, graceful appearance. The tall, willowy type with slender hands may go in for the very long nails because they accentuate her type. She, however, must see that they do not resemble talons.

The colour chosen for a polish must harmonize with one's own colouring. A dark, colourless woman may choose a slightly darker hue for her nails without attracting too much attention, where the woman who goes in for a pale makeup will over-accentuate her hands if she chooses a nail polish that is too ruddy. On the whole, however, it is best to avoid a polish that is too red or too orange in tone, for they are not in good taste, particularly in the daytime when the light is harsh and distorts colour values. —By CLAIRE LUCE.

After the astringent you apply skin food. Take this out of its pot with a bone or ivory spoon, apply it generously and pat it in thoroughly. When most of it is absorbed you can wipe off the surplus with tissues, and go to sleep with a clean, toned and nourished skin.

"THE VIKING."

AN ALLURING COLOUR PICTURE.

Romantic thrills and the more lusty kind that come from brave and, at times, bloody battle, are to be had in plenty at the Queen's Theatre, where Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's Technicolour production, "The Viking," opens to-day.

The plot is a fast-moving one. The scenes absorb one's interest from the first reel to the last. The romance grips one's heart. The theme, built around one of the most glorious and intriguing, albeit somewhat legendary, episodes in history—the Norsemen's discovery of America a thousand years before Columbus—fascinates with its brave glamour. Here is a picture to please and entertain every member of the family. "The Viking" has still another claim to distinction, and that is the lovely and perfect colour process with which it has been photographed. The colours are applied with an artistry that is true to nature. They are not garish and obtrusive as has been the case with previous colour photography in the movies. They are so natural, so true to life, that they impart a realistic charm to the production hitherto untainted by the screen. After this thoroughly satisfactory Technicolour film, it is to be hoped that we are given more pictures in colour.

The cast, a large and notable one with many favourites of long standing, do splendidly with the various roles. Donald Crisp is seen as Leif Ericson, a most imposing and inspiring leader.

Pauline Starke has never done better than in the role of Helga, the Viking maid. Leltoy Mason, who plays opposite her, is a newcomer to the screen and has yet to build his reputation, but he displays great promise in his work in this production.

The others, Claire McDowell, Julia Swayne Gordon, Anders Randolph, Richard Alexander, Harry Louis Woods, Albert MacQuarrie, Roy Stewart and Torben Meyers, give their usual well-balanced and creditable performance.

An additional, enjoyable feature is the sound synchronization with which the picture is presented.

LETTER GOLF.

One LAMB CHOP to a customer to-day, folks, but you have to earn them yourselves. It isn't so easy, either.

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1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed. One solution is printed on another page.

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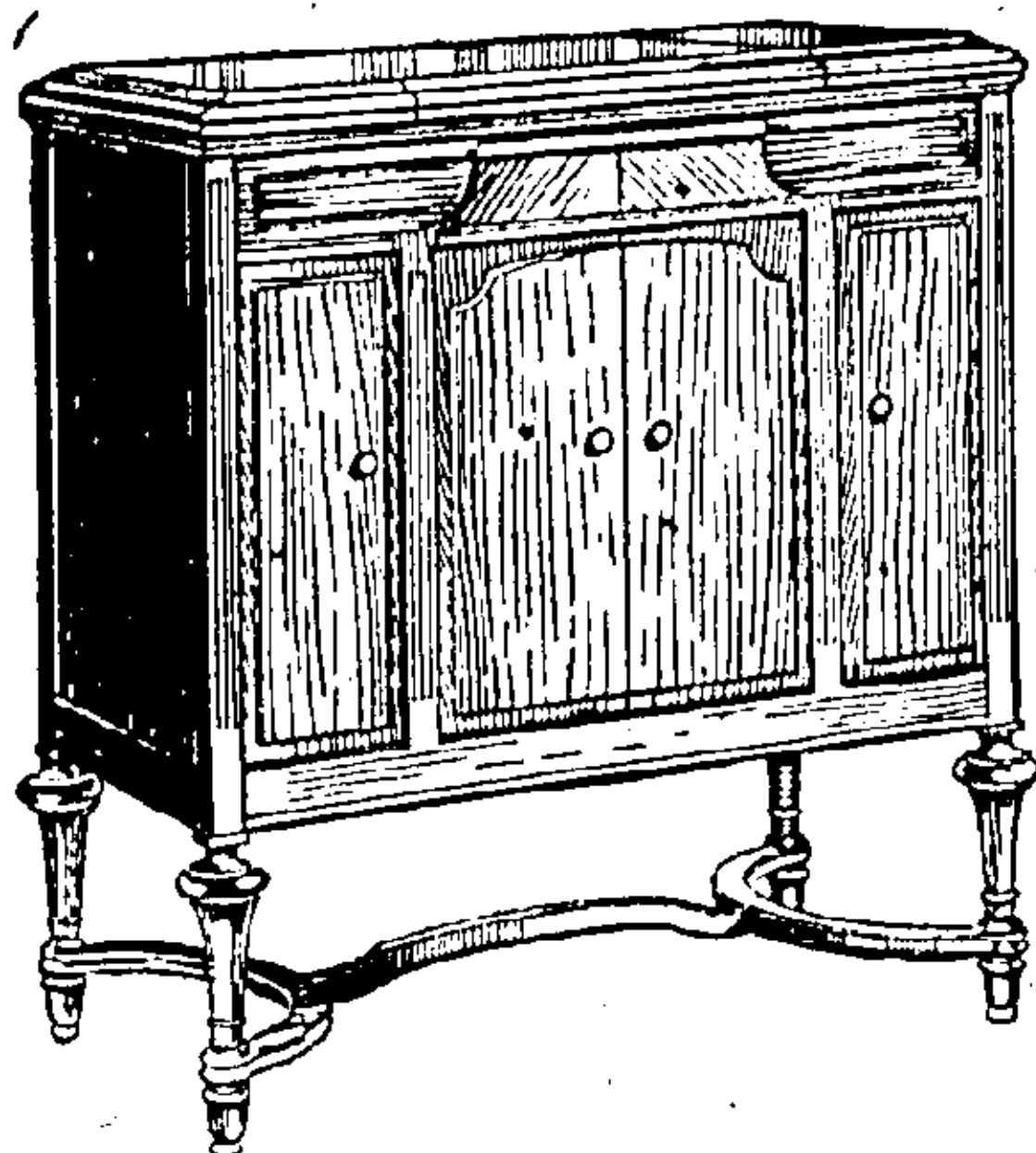
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BIRTH.

ISMAIL.—On January 2, 1930, at No. 43, Sharp Street, East, to Mr. & Mrs. O. Ismail, twins (boys).

DEATHS.

BROTHERTON HARKER.—At Victoria Hospital, on January 2nd, Mrs. Thekla Brotherton Harker, widow of the late Mr. Bernard Brotherton Harker, in her 70th year. Funeral passes the Monument at 5 o'clock this evening.

TOD.—On 2nd January, at Crieff, Henry Tod, aged 65 years, formerly of Shanghai.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY JANUARY 3, 1930.

NANKING'S TRIUMPH.

The future student of the history of the Chinese Revolution will find the present period one of considerable confusion, but he will have the advantage of us in knowing what trails to follow in the confusion, what line it was that led to definite conclusions, and what was of no importance. We must be content to grope among the bewildering detail. Among these details are those which led to the recent victory of the Nanking Government in Canton. What curious conjunction of circumstances led to the alliance of Chang Fat-kwei with the Kwangsi party whom he had so grossly betrayed in the previous year? What was the interrelation between him as representing the Reorganisationists in the South, and Feng Yu-shan, their protagonist in the North? Why did the Northern attack on the Central Government cease just in time to allow the attack in the South to be stopped? Is it Feng's word or is it Yen Shi-shan's that "goes" with the Kuomintang? Was it the Russian menace that influenced the Northern rebels to hold their hand? If so why did it not hold up Chang Fat-kwei too? Did the continued advance of Chang Fat-kwei compel the Government to hold Canton at all risks and therefore lead them to acquiesce in the Russian demands? Or did Chang Haueh-liang lose courage and commit the Government just when it was extracting itself from domestic difficulties and about ready to stem the Russian attack? On none of these material points for an interpretation of recent events has the Government thrown any light. From the twilight into

which we look shines out only one clear fact, the success of the Government in the domestic field, its amazing feat in surmounting apparently crushing difficulties, and its increased prestige. Even the surrender to Russia, though it has damaged Chinese prestige, does not reflect so much on the Government as on its enemies, who would not stay their hand at a moment of national peril, and on Chang Haueh-liang, whose brave words were so easily shown to be but bluff.

The victory was not won without the use of real courage and ability. The relief of Canton was carried out in a masterly way. Turning from what had been proclaimed to be a life and death struggle in the north-west, Chiang Kai-shek carried out a concentration of land, sea, and air forces with astonishing rapidity and effectiveness; and to do so put the operations in charge of his most brilliant commander, Ho Ying-ching. The heavy operations involved in the removal of so many troops down from Central China, the simultaneous use of the navy, and above all the vigorous use of the air force, make an impressive display of decisive action in a country where most battles seem to be lost by delay. The successful linking up with the local Cantonese commanders, and the effective delay in attack until the enemy were actually at the gates, are a noteworthy feat. Perhaps as noteworthy and in some ways a new thing in Chinese politics, at least recently, has been the rapid return of General Ho to Nanking. Nothing more illustrates the really national outlook of the Central Government than this fact that it is forging a weapon to be used at any point, and that is readily amenable to the central authority. Until recently, such a commander as General Ho would have wanted to stake a claim for himself or for some favoured underling in the district he had succoured. There would have been friction between the General coming in from without and those on the spot, and probably there would have been some colloquy with the enemy. In this case the central authority acted with promptitude, and, having done its work, left the province to carry on its business itself. The expense of the operation in a similar manner to be adjusted by a visit of the Minister of Finance to the province to confer with the Provincial Treasury.

There is one point in this operation which calls for comment and consideration. It is the growing efficacy and consequent use of the air arm. As we have pointed out before, this is extremely valuable in government hands. It would, however, be a disaster to the country if it became available for all parties. There was a report during the fighting that the Kwangsi group were procuring aeroplanes through Yunnan. If this should become possible, and civil war continue in the country, then the outlook would be black indeed. For aeroplane warfare if not very carefully conducted is a peril not only to the military but also, perhaps more, to the civilian population. It is to be hoped that the Government will be strong enough to suppress aeroplane activity except under its own aegis; and that even civil flying be carefully regulated until the country settles down into a real peace.

Extrality Mandate Explanation.

The explanation given to American Government officials apropos the extrality abolition mandate serves to clarify the outlook in the immediate future for foreigners residing in China. The prospect of the Nanking Government taking on their own initiative the responsibility of infringing upon acquired treaty privileges and rights is so remote that it may be regarded as negligible. Dr. C. C. Wu is credited with having stated that the abolition decree was not addressed to any of the interested Powers, and that it was merely a statement of policy by the Chinese Government. This is borne out by the omission of the Nanking Government to take the obvious step of denouncing the extraterritorial

DAY BY DAY.

I HAD RATHER SEE MY COURTESIES LAUGH AT MY AVARICE, THAN MY PEOPLE WEEP AT MY EXTRAVAGANCE.—*Louis XII.*

We have received a very acceptable desk diary from Messrs. Watanmool Boolchand.

New Year greetings have been exchanged between H.E. the Governor of Hongkong and H.E. the Governor of Macao.

Amongst the passengers who arrived from Manila by the s.s. Empress of Canada were Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Goldsmith, and Mr. F.M. Hodgson.

It is notified that the Inspecting Ordnance Officer will destroy a quantity of army cordite at Stonecutters Island on January 6, 7 and 8.

We are officially informed that the Secretary of State has approved of the Colony's Estimates for 1930, with the exception that the Naval Volunteer Reserve scheme has been dropped.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Wing Ming, who, it is alleged, embezzled \$684, the property of Leo Ng-pan, master of the Kwong Shing-shin firm, of 24, Whitfield Road, on October 16.

There will be a Concert at the Helena May Institute on Thursday 9th January at 5.30 p.m. Items by Mr. and Mrs. Bowes-Smith and Major J. L. P. Macnair. Tickets may be booked in advance. Please note, teas must be booked, telephone Matron C. 2160.—*Advt.*

A married woman, of 157, Cheung Sha Wan, was charged before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with ill treating her *mai sui*. Mr. J.M. Remedios was instructed to defend, and, on the application of Inspector John Murphy, the case was adjourned till next Friday afternoon for hearing.

On a charge of returning from banishment after having been deported from the Colony for ten years in 1927, a Chinese was sentenced to eight months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. The defendant was previously convicted of house-breaking and larceny.

The meanderings of a sow ended with tragic suddenness just after mid-night on Monday, when it was run over by a Kowloon Motor Company bus. The animal was apparently crossing the junction of Sai Kung and Kai Yang roads, when the bus, No. 657, driven by Liu Kwan, struck it and caused its demise. It was valued at \$40.

Arrested in Shanghai Street with 21 taels of raw opium concealed in his girdle, a Chinese, who appeared before Mr. Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, was fined \$630 with the alternative of four months' hard labour. A Chinese, who was arrested at 67, Wuhu Street, with seven mace of prepared opium in his possession was fined \$350, or eight weeks' hard labour on the two counts.

lity clauses of their treaties with the Powers, is intended purely for local consumption. It would appear to be more in the nature of a gesture by Dr. C. T. Wang for the purpose of "saving face" than anything else, though foreigners may find it difficult to appreciate the motives underlying a decision to make a public statement, apparently so emphatic in its terms, when it lacks the basis of sincerity. Chinese methods of diplomacy always lend themselves to ambiguity. It is possible, for instance, that the mandate was issued for the express purpose of testing the reaction abroad, the question of subsequent action being left until the attitude of the Powers became known. If that was the idea, the Nanking Government has not been left long in doubt. Mr. Henderson, indeed, forestalled the mandate in an *aide memoire* in which he stated that it would be a grave misfortune if anything occurred to prevent negotiations from being initiated, and that any attack on British rights would confront His Majesty's Government with serious responsibility. Sir Miles Lampson has left for Nanking to discuss the gradual abolition of extrality and he will behave as though no step had been taken by the Chinese Government. The American Government has also made it clear that stringent measures will be taken to prevent interference with American rights. Faced with such stands as these, China finds it easy to fall back upon an apparently prepared line of defence, the attitude that the message was not intended for the Powers. This is just as well. The Powers have no cause to worry as long as it is clear that China does not contemplate a serious blunder in the handling of her foreign policy.

ARMED ROBBERY PREVENTED.

ARRESTED MEN SENT TO PRISON.

On the receipt of information of the intention of a gang of men to commit an armed robbery at the Wing Loong grocery shop in Mongkok, a party of detectives, under Detective Sergeant Fitches kept special watch for suspicious characters who might be found loitering in the vicinity.

The party concealed themselves behind the Wallace Harper Building and searched all suspicious-looking persons. Two Chinese who were walking together were stopped and, after a search, a broken pair of scissors, a number of small stones and long strips of tape were found on one man, while

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Interesting Pictures For To-Morrow.

Many pictures of topical interest will appear in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Art Supplement.

These will include some of the winning pictures in the Hongkong University Photographic Club's recent exhibition, which will be followed later by further selections.

Sports events are largely illustrated, these including the England v. Scotland football match and the game between South China and the Navy; whilst there will also be groups of the Kowloon Police relay team, the Canton Rowing Club's Senior Four which recently defeated Hongkong, and the V.R.C. water polo championship team.

The Civil Service Christmas tree party and children's sports will be illustrated, as well as the annual dinner in Canton to the men of the West River Flotilla, and there will also be a group of Kowloon police taken on Christmas Day.

on the other man the police found a quantity of wire.

Both men were taken to the Police Station and, on being charged, they admitted that they had intended to commit a robbery.

The first of the two men was charged before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with being in possession of daggers and instruments fit for an unlawful purpose. On the first charge, sentence of one year's hard labour was imposed, while a further term of three months' hard labour was passed on the second count.

The second man, on whom was found the wire, was sentenced to three months' hard labour on a charge of being in possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for week ended January 2nd, 1909.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s 8½d.

The Indo-China S. N. steamer Kwong Sang was gaily decorated on the conclusion of her 100th regular trip from Shanghai to Hongkong.

The annual ball at Kowloon Dock, on New Year's Eve, was a very jolly affair.

Several ladies of the Colony appealed to residents to provide baskets for the carrying of live chicken from the market.

H. E. the Governor (Sir Frederick Lugard) presented the prizes at the annual children's sports at the K. C. ground.

Mr. P. Tester was appointed Hongkong manager of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

M. V. Remo sailed from Singapore on the 1st Jan., and is expected here on the 6th inst., she will berth alongside the Kowloon Wharf.

s.s. Duchessa d'Aosta sailed from Karachi on the 30th Dec., and is expected here on the 20th Jan.

M. V. Thurand Castle sailed from New York on the 14th Dec., and is due here on the 6th Febr.

M. V. Tai Ping Yang is due here on the 20th inst., from the Philippine Islands and will load for Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, San Francisco, Los Angeles & New York.

The Very Safe!

A Suburban reader sends to a Home paper an account of an incident which is said to have occurred recently. The driver of a motor car seeing the body of a man lying in a pool of blood beside the road pulled up and told his passengers about it. He went back, but could find nothing, and none of his companions had seen the body.

The party then proceeded, and a few miles further on they came upon a badly injured man just as the driver had previously described. Of course it may be merely a case of coincidence, mutilated pedestrians being now such a common sight upon the highway. But, anyhow, the story is not now, and it is probably only starting on another round.

The best version of the tale is that of Bret Harte, who tells of an engine driver, who pulled up his train night after night to save a non-existent man who came out of a ghostly house and fell on the rails. The driver took another job, and, finding that the "ghost" had followed him, went ahead—and killed the man.

Man with a black eye at the Thames Court. He met me with a bag in his hand and said, "Hold this!" I took the bag, but apparently he did not mean me to have it.

Woman at Fenge: Some time ago he gave me a black eye; here is his handwriting to prove it.

Willesden Wife: My husband has borrowed money on a musical instrument; that is to say, a saxophone.

Constable at Tottenham: When I found the woman clinging to some railings she said, "I do wish this car didn't sway so much."

Counsel at Kingston-on-Thames to witness: I believe that Mrs. Wright is your right name, Mrs. Wright!

(According to instructions issued by the Kansas Board of Health one should never kiss in crowded places or poorly ventilated rooms. During the festive season one should gargle frequently.)

The men of Kansas City, Hygienically run By means of a committee. Are trained to healthy fun. Successfully resist The blandishments of beauty Expecting to be kissed.

But Kansas girls grow huffy— Those to whom to whom A swain says, "It's too stuffy To kiss you in this room." And Kansas boys say, "What'll it matter!" to a beau; Not—talking through her throttle "A girling we must go."

An old gentleman at a country market watched the jostling crowd of bullocks, sheep, pigs, farmers, carts and horses. Amid the throng was a small boy in a donkey-cart. "My little lad," said the old gentleman, "are you not afraid? How old are you?"

The boy replied, "I am all right. I am only nine, but the donkey's 40."

WHO WAS.... KIM?

In the native quarters of Lahore a half caste woman found a little white child and brought it up as her own. This boy was the son of an Irish sergeant and an English woman, but he grew up as an Indian boy, speaking an Indian tongue and learning the customs and traditions of his foster mother's people.

He became acquainted with a Tibetan Lama, who was in search of the River of Immortality, and roamed over India with him. In the course of their wanderings they were brought into contact with the regiment to which Kim's father, Kimball O'Hara, had belonged. The boy was recognised and adopted by the regiment. Thanks to the benevolent Lama he was placed in St. Xavier's School and received a good education, afterwards entering the Secret Service, where his knowledge of native dialects and traditions was extremely useful. His efforts were successful in outwitting the plans of Russian, French and Afghan spies along the frontier.

Kim called his work "The Great Game," thereby showing himself to be one of those wonderful Englishmen, those pioneers of Empire who make life, whether on the playing fields, or on the sterner fields of duty and danger, an exercise in sportsmanship. You will read all about him in Kipling's masterpiece, "Kim."

COMMUNIST PERIL CONTINUES.**IN FUKIEN-KWANGTUNG BORDER DISTRICTS.****AWAITING A CHANCE.**

Swatow, Dec. 31. News from Kiating (Meishien), Shonghong and Yunthin shows that these districts are still largely communist. The cities are held, more or less securely, by Government troops, but the villages are still under communist control.

A military convoy taking money and winter clothing to the troops in Yunthin was recently set upon by Communist brigands and robbed of all it had. This hold of the villages of so many districts, for in addition to these three there are several others more completely under Communist domination, is unsatisfactory from the point of view of law and order. The area forms one of latent disaffection, and a rallying ground for elements which only await the opportunity to embarrass the Government.

The recent threat to Canton caused some reaction in the Hailuk Fung region, where the Communists still "lie down" in the hills, and tend to rise at the slightest hope of a change in political fortunes. They were encouraged by the situation on the East River, at Weichow. There seems to have been a movement there to rise in sympathy with the Kwangsi advance, and doubtless that led to the curious belated attacks on the Canton-Kowloon line.

The East River has been in the hands of troops who belonged originally to the Kwangsi party under General Hsu King-tong. At the time when it was not clear on which side of the fence that force would come down the officer who proposed to carry them over to the Government side in Swatow was arrested by General Hsu's adherents. It is said that this man, who has never completely regained his liberty, was offered the chance to win it by declaring for Kwangsi and conducting a raid on the Chaochow-Swatow region. News of this coming to the scattered Communists in the Hailuk Fung region, they prepared to take advantage of troubled times.

The Government victory at Canton has put an end to both these movements. Troops have been advanced in force against Weichow and have quelled the outbreak there; and Hailuk Fung Communists have retired to their hill fastnesses.—Our Own Correspondent.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.**NEWS OF OLD BOYS IN ENGLAND.**

The following are a few interesting facts about R. A. Gerrard, who, from 1922 to early in 1927, was at the Diocesan Boys' School, where he learnt his cricket. Played for Somerset against Gloucester in the Rugby County Championship Match on November 9th; the Public Schools' Putting-the-Weight Champion for 1929, having won this last April at Stamford Bridge; played in all the Somerset Colts County Cricket matches last year, including the match "Public Schoolboys of Somerset" v "Somerset Stragglers"; top of the School's batting averages for 1928 and 1929; represented the School in the Water Polo team that won the Somerset Junior Water Polo Championship; school colours for house captain and represented the School at shooting and first class shot (qualified); scored two centuries for School last Summer.

The following is an extract from a Home Paper with reference to the Gloucestershire v Somersetshire Rugby match in November last:—"In Gerrard, the Taunton Schoolboy, Somerset has a young player who should go far. Only once in each half did he get the ball when there was any possible chance of his doing anything, and on both occasions he went through in excellent style. He has been in England for about two years, having come over from Hongkong, where his people reside. Although only 17 years of age, he has fine physique, and touched the scale at 13 stone 7lb. His mother is now at Yeovil, so one hopes Somerset will be fortunate enough to retain his services for a long time to come."

Three other boys who left the Diocesan Boys' School about the same time are also doing very well in England. A. B. Clarke gained excellent results at School, in work and games (cricket, football and shooting), and is now at Sandhurst; E. L. G. Goddard has passed several examinations and gained distinctions in mathematics and physics; A. E. Dawson, after

DANGEROUS LORRY DRIVING.**DR. J. E. DOVEY PROSECUTES DRIVER AT KOWLOON.****CORNER INCIDENT.**

Dr. J. E. Dovey, medical officer of the Kowloon Hospital, appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, as the complainant against the driver of a motor lorry who was summoned for dangerous driving in Waterloo Road on the early morning of December 13 last.

The defendant intimated that he knew nothing whatever of the incident, as he had not been stopped. In evidence, Dr. Dovey said that on the night of December 12-13 he was returning to the Kowloon Hospital with his wife and Miss Watkins and was going down Waterloo Road when out of Ti Po Fong Street emerged a lorry going at sufficient speed to swing over to the right side of the road. The party all saw the lorry and exclaimed: "Oh! Look at that! There's another example."

His Worship:—Another example of what? Witness:—Of lorries swinging into a street. Continuing, witness mentioned that the turning from Ti Po Fong Street was a blind corner and if any cars had been travelling in the opposite direction to witness, an accident could not have been avoided.

In reply to his Worship, witness said he took the defendant's number, but did not stop him. His Worship intimated that it would have been better if the witness had stopped the defendant.

Witness:—That would have led to useless argument.

His Worship remarked that that might have been so, but pointed out that the defendant could not then have pleaded that he could not recall the incident.

Witness:—That simply shows what a careless driver he is.

When Miss L. N. Watkins went into the witness box to give evidence she intimated that she did not wish to be sworn on the Bible.

His Worship:—You've got religious objections?

Miss Watkins:—Yes.

The witness was accordingly declared.

Giving her version of the incident, witness said the lorry came out of the side street at such a rate that if anything had been going in the opposite direction, it would have been hit.

His Worship:—Would you say there was a blind turning, out of which the lorry came?

Witness:—Yes, it is an acute angle.

When asked if he had any questions to put to the witness, defendant said he did not know anything of the incident, as he was not stopped at the time.

His Worship:—I have said you should have been stopped, but that doesn't make it less dangerous from the public safety point of view.

The defendant was convicted. His Worship had intimated that he had seen the defendant before, but, according to the man's card, he had a clear record.

His Worship remarked that he merely remembered the man's face and the time he had seen him he might have been acquitted.

In reply to his Worship, the defendant said he had been before the Court but on that occasion the police had made a mistake in the car numbers.

His Worship remarked that he did not think Dr. Dovey had made a mistake this time, and imposed a fine of \$15.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 2
Paris	123.01
Brussels	123.85
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Berlin	20.435
Copenhagen	18.205
Vienna	34.66
Helsingfors	104 1/4
Lisbon	108.25
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	164 1/2
Hong Kong	Holiday
New York	4.88
Geneva	20.125
Milan	93.21
Stockholm	18.135
Oslo	16.235
Prague	164 1/2
Madrid	36.61
Athens	375
Rio	Holiday
Shanghai	Holiday
Yokohama	2 0 3/16
Silver (spot)	21 1/2
Silver (forward)	21 1/2

—British Wireless.

A few years at Wakefield Grammar School, gained an Open Music Scholarship, at Kettle College, Oxford.

Two sons of Mr. Wong Kam-fuk are boarders at Leighton Park School, Reading. Wong Sik-kuen was Senior Champion of Sports and Games in 1928-1929, and Wong Sik-hon was Junior Champion. Both these boys were particularly good at football and gymnastics when they were at the Diocesan Boys' School.

CANTON OBSERVES NEW YEAR.**ON BIGGER SCALE THAN EVER BEFORE.****SEVERAL PARADES.**

Canton, Jan. 2. New Year's Day was the occasion of considerable celebrations here in the city. In pursuance of their policy of adopting the solar calendar, the Chinese authorities had ordered the observance of the New Year on January 1st, instead of the customary Chinese New Year on the 1st day of the 1st Moon.

Though it is doubtful whether the Chinese New Year festivities will completely die out for a number of years, nevertheless it is certain that yesterday was observed as New Year's Day on a larger scale than ever before in Canton. All the Government offices, including the Chinese Maritime Customs, are closed for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January; and the Government have ordered all their offices to remain open at Chinese New Year. However, it is reported that the Chinese Maritime Customs will be closed for the Chinese New Year holidays in Canton, though it is thought they may remain open in Nanking and some of the Northern ports.

In the streets of the city, there was a considerable amount of cracker-firing, though not by any means so much as at Chinese New Year, and all the buildings and motor vehicles and steamers were flying the Nationalist and Kuomintang flags.

There were a number of parades of various guilds and schools, and all the officials called on His Excellency General Chun Ming-shu during the morning.

In the evening there were a number of dances and other celebrations organised by various student associations.

In Shamoen, the banks were closed on the 31st December and 1st January, and the customary ball was given by the bachelors of the Canton Club on New Year's Eve in the Canton Club Theatre.

It was certainly the most successful ball given here recently, a dancing went on uninterruptedly until close on 6 o'clock in the morning. The theatre was beautifully decorated, orange and yellow being the prevailing colours. All those bachelors who had a hand in the organisation of the ball are certainly to be congratulated on the great success of their efforts.—Our Own Correspondent.

BRAZIL DEPUTY KILLED.**REVOLVER-DUEL IN THE CHAMBER.**

Dio de Janeiro, Dec. 26. The greatest orator of the Government party was shot and killed on the floor of the Chamber in a sensational revolver duel here to-day.

Deputy Souza Filho was shot to death following a political argument with Deputy Sines Lopes in a chamber session.

A heated discussion over politics reached a climax when both deputies drew revolvers and fired point blank. Lopes surrendered to the police.



"But we'd simply have to invite someone. Whom do we owe?"

JAPANESE DRUNK ALL DAY.**TASHIMA MAKES NEW YEAR RESOLUTION.****SOBRIETY PROMISE.**

That he would not indulge in excessive drinking during the coming year was the promise made by Tashima, a Japanese shoemaker, who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of being found drunk and incapable at the junction of Nathan and Mody Roads.

On observing the defendant, his Worship remarked that they had not seen him for some time.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys intimated that the defendant had still been indulging in excessive drinking, but had not been arrested for some time. Last night when he was taken to the Police Station he had to be carried to the cells and left there to sleep off the effect of drink.

Answering his Worship, the officer said the defendant did not annoy anybody.

The defendant remarked that yesterday had been a holiday, and he had been drunk throughout the day.

His Worship intimated that yesterday was not a holiday, but Detective Sergeant Humphreys replied that the Japanese continued the New Year celebrations yesterday.

The defendant remarked that he was not going to get drunk during the coming year.

The prosecuting officer intimated that the defendant indulged in periodical outbursts and was arrested in a different district each time.

In imposing a fine of \$5, or seven days' hard labour in default, his Worship said he would take into consideration the fact that yesterday was a holiday for the Japanese.

AN 8% DIVIDEND.**BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE ANNOUNCEMENT.**

The Banque Franco-Chinoise of Industry and Commerce announces that at the general meeting of the shareholders, held in Paris on December 20 last, after approving the accounts closed on June 30, 1929, it was decided to pay a dividend of 8 per cent to shareholders on presentation of coupon No. 7 over their counters.

Frs. 1,956,947.95 were placed to the legal reserve account and Frs. 2,410,000 carried forward to this year's accounts.

The bank also announced that it has received information from Peking that the Chinese Maritime Customs have effected a second semestral payment for 1929 on account of the Boxer Indemnity, and that it is authorised to pay to bearers from the 15th inst. the coupon No. 10 of the Chinese Gold Bonds, 5 per cent, 1925 issue, as well as the bonds drawn on December 2 last.

The destroyer leader Bruce, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, Vice Admiral Sir A. K. Waistell, K.C.B., arrived from Shanghai on Wednesday morning. Admiral Waistell has been in Shanghai supervising affairs during the recent trouble. The cruiser Kent has now resumed the duties of flagship.

HAICHING PIRACY CHARGES.**MURDER HEARING TO START VERY SHORTLY.****PROBABLY NEXT WEEK.**

That the Police Court hearing in which two men are charged with murder in connexion with the Haiching piracy attempt will in all likelihood begin about January 9th, was intimated by a statement made by Mr. L. R. Andrews, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, to Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Andrews was in Court making an application for an extradition case, in which a man is wanted by the Canton Authorities in connexion with an alleged murder, to be dealt with at an early date. He stated that the Crown prosecution now had the former manager of the Wanchai Theatre and two foks to give evidence which would somewhat discount the story of the defence. He asked that these three men should be heard and that the defence should be given the opportunity of examining them.

Mr. Andrews also stated that he would like the proceedings to be taken after the piracy case, in order that the latter might be ready for the next Criminal Sessions.

The Magistrate enquired as to what date it was desired that the piracy case be heard, and Mr. Andrews replied that he had seen the Captain of the ship, and he had said that the most suitable dates were either the 8th or 9th inst.

Mr. Hamilton said they could consider that to-morrow morning when the prisoners appeared again. If the date was fixed for January 9th, he could sit from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

He fixed the extradition hearing for 11.30 a.m. on January 8th.

ALLEGED FACTORY THEFTS.**PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE AT KOWLOON.**

Charges of larceny of six knitting machines, two boxes of wool, 45 woollen jerseys, and 200 pounds of yarn from the Tung Sun Knitting Factory of 44, Mongkok Road, were brought against two Chinese before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. J. T. Prior appeared in Court for the defendants, while it was intimated that Mr. E. S. C. Brookes had been engaged to prosecute and wished for a remand. Mr. Prior made an application for the reduction of bail and remarked that the case was a partnership dispute.

In remanding the defendants till next Wednesday, his Worship remarked that as the defendants had found the bail required by the police the sum should be left at \$900 for the first defendant and \$100 for the second.

AMERICAN EYES ON ART TREASURES.**EXPORT THAT LEGISLATION CANNOT STOP.**

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"Apart from the wealth accumulated in our public collections, both national and provincial, there still remains a good store of treasures in the hands of private owners and corporations," he adds; "how long these conditions may endure under the incubus of death-duties, taxation of capital, and social upheavals, none can foresee."

"If it be supposed that the case will be met by legislation designed to prohibit or impede the export of works of art, the assumption, I believe, is illusory."

In connexion with the New Year celebration, there was a big gathering of friends and members at the Chinese Sugar Merchants' Association on Wednesday afternoon, when the meeting took the form of congratulations exchanged by the members on the advent of the New Year. In a short speech, the chairman, Mr. Ho Lu, said that many associations and Chinese clubs were celebrating their new year on Wednesday, instead of following the lunar calendar. He referred to the fact that even the Chinese newspapers in Hongkong were on that day issuing special pages commenting on the prospects of a new year and recording the big events of the past twelvemonth.

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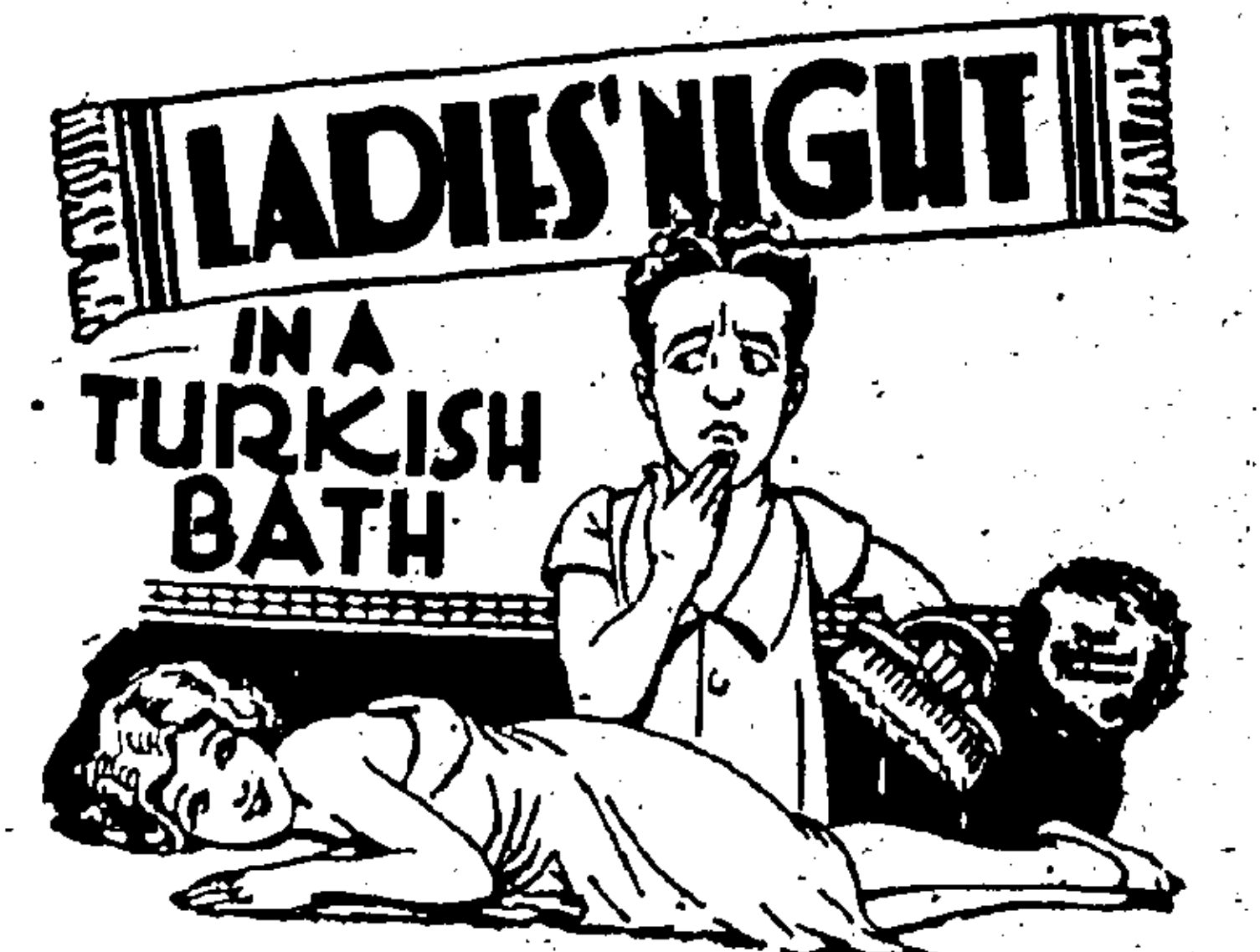
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BOXING TOURNEY TO-MORROW.

MANY FACES NEW TO LOCAL RING.

AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

NEW WELTERWEIGHT.

A heavy programme, involving forty-seven rounds, of boxing, is scheduled for the second tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association at the City Hall to-morrow night, the middleweight championship contest being supported by two first-class ten rounds welterweight tilts, and two six-round contests.

The piece de resistance will, of course, be the bout between A. B. Ewin, of H.M.S. Kent, the I.S.B.A. middleweight champion, and A. B. Jock Crichton (or Crichton), of H.M.S. Cornwall, the welterweight champion of the Colony and of the West of England.

Both Camps Confident.

Both men have been in serious training for the contest, and the Christmas and New Year festivities have found for them, little attraction. Crichton has a very large following confident of his ability to beat Ewin, although he will probably be conceding a few pounds in weight. Ewin has not been beaten for well over two years, and his triumph in the recent I.S.B.A. contests was scored against a host of first-class men. Ewin is a fighter and a boxer. Crichton has proved himself an extremely clever boxer, and there is no question of his ability to fight when the opposition is sufficiently good to extend him. That Ewin will make him pull out all his reserves is certain. There is good reason for the confidence expressed in Ewin's camp.

A New Welter.

One of the principal supporting contests brings a new face to the Hongkong public in the person of Stoker Frank Golden, of H.M.S. Cornflower. Golden, judged by his record, is a fighter in the championship class already and if he proves his worth to-morrow, will soon be clamouring for a title bout. His record includes successes over Tommy Griffiths, of Southampton, Mick Harris, of London, Jim Blake, a London top-liner, Bert Cannon, of London, and Buck Carter, of Portsmouth. In the Imperial Services Boxing Association championships of 1927, he reached the final of the welterweights and lost narrowly on points to Signaldman Moore, the Army champion of that year. To-morrow, he meets Marine Fraser, a former holder of the welterweight championship of Hongkong, who is well-known to all fight followers.

Hall's Opponent.

The other ten-rounders are between A. B. Hall, of H.M.S. Hermes and Stoker Sacker, of H.M.S. Cornwall. This should provide a bout only a shade less interesting than the main event. A. B. Hall is a very popular former locally. He has been fighting in Manila lately and winning against some of the best men to be found there. Sacker has never been in the Hongkong ring before, but he makes his debut with a splendid record of success in Shanghai contests. He is a clever boy with a pleasing style and there should be no lack of excitement when he meets Hall.

LOCAL CRICKET.

K. C. C. TEAMS FOR THE WEEK-END.

The K.C.C. team against the Army, in to-morrow's League match on the Kowloon ground, is as follows:—W. Brace (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, F. E. Lawrence, N. H. Ross, G. A. V. Hall, F. Zimmer, A. T. Lee, D. Laing and S. Jex. Umpire, J. P. Robinson; scorer, A. Hyde-Lay.

LOCAL FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

NAVY TO PLAY SOMERSETS AT CAROLINE HILL.

KOWLOON V. H.K.F.C.

The most important match on the card for to-morrow is that between the Royal Navy and the Somersets. The Somersets have lost only three points and the Navy are at the present time at the height of their powers, while the military side has been exhibiting signs of falling away.

There will be plenty of excitement, too, on the Kowloon ground where the mainlanders entertain the club in the return "Derby." The full fixture list is appended:

Senior Division.
Royal Navy v. Somersets.—Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.
Kowloon v. Club.—Kowloon, 4 p.m.
Recreio v. Chinese.—Recreio, 4 p.m.
K.O.S.B. v. St. Joseph's.—Sookunpo, 4 p.m.
Police v. R.A.—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.

Junior Division.
Club v. K.O.S.B.—Club, 2.30.
S. China "A" v. Kowloon.—Chinese, H.V., 2.30.
Chinese "A" v. University.—Stadium, 2.30.
St. Joseph's v. Chinese "B"—St. Joseph's, 2.30.
Somersets v. Ewa.—Kowloon, 2.30.
S. China "B" v. R.A.M.C.—Caroline Hill, 2.30.
R.A. Res. v. Recreio.—Sookunpo, 2.30.

A Needle Match.
As both Navy and Somersets are in the running for championship honours, a very keen game is to be anticipated at Caroline Hill. The composition of the Navy team is not yet available, but it is certain that no material alterations will be made from the side which has been so successful of late. The Somersets are hopeful, but I fancy they will lose this game.

The Royal Artillery are favoured to defeat the Police, while the Borderers should experience little difficulty in taking full points from St. Joseph's.

In Kowloon.

Two interesting matches are being played in Kowloon, the Club being visitors to the Railway Ground, and the Chinese Athletic to the Recreio ground. Kowloon will try the experiment of fielding Miles at centre-forward, McKelvie playing inside-right to Pile. The defence remains unchanged. A keen game should result, with the odds in favour of the home team. The Recreio hope to be able to field full strength for the match with the Athletic. A. V. Gossano, it is understood, is practically certain to turn out at centre-forward. The Athletic are unchanged and seem likely winners, though the Recreio, if at strength, will give them a good run.

With The Juniors.

In the Junior Division, K.O.S.B. Reserves, South China "A", Chinese "A", St. Joseph's, Somersets, S. China "B" and Recreio Reserves should obtain full points.

Teams for to-morrow include: Club:—Rodger, Wallington, Bishop, Gilchrist, Stewart, Watson, Alexander, Reid, Goldman, Scott, A. N. Other. Kowloon:—Nichols (or Angus), Gilchrist, Pile (C.), Hedley, Downman, Bliss, Pile (T.M.), McKelvie, Miles, Coats and Eastman.

Club Reserves:—Stirling, Sloan, Potouloff, Hooper, Railton, Hynes, Dinn, Bell, Fowler, Jackson Thompson. Reserves:—Pankhurst, Wilson, J.B. and Krilovsky. Kowloon Reserves:—Angus, Guest, Haat, Runham, Campbell, Dunnett, Springett, King, Moss, A. N. Other, Blackford, Reserves:—Baker, Moore, Hannan.

We are officially informed that temporary repairs to the two bridges on the Chinese Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, which were recently blown up, have been effected, and that it is hoped to resume the service of through trains in the course of the next day or so.

Wellington, Jan. 2.
It is officially denied that the Veronicas and Laurnum are going to Samoa. The Administrator of Samoa reports that members of the Man are dispersing, and the territory is now quiet.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.12 a.m.—C. B. Riggs and W. N. Fleming.
9.16 a.m.—H. Spicer and J. Thayer.
9.28 a.m.—H. R. Forsyth and A. Sommerfeld.
9.32 a.m.—E. D. Black and D. J. Gilmore.
9.36 a.m.—T. S. Whyte Smith and J. D. Kinnaird.
9.40 a.m.—J. W. Robertson and Capt. Ashby.
9.44 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and O. Eager.
9.48 a.m.—D. L. McWhirter and J. D. Thomson.
9.52 a.m.—S. S. Perry and A. G. Copplin.
9.56 a.m.—H. U. Ireland and L. G. S. Dodwell.
10.00 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and H. Thomson.
10.04 a.m.—J. W. Franks and F. J. de Rome.
10.08 a.m.—M. G. Mills and S. J. H. Fox.
10.12 a.m.—F. M. Ellis and P. Morrison.
10.16 a.m.—A. E. Wood and E. D. Matthews.
10.20 a.m.—A. C. Meredith and J. H. Ralke.
10.24 a.m.—J. R. Hinton and A. H. Penn.
10.28 a.m.—A. C. I. Bowker and J. R. Collis.
10.32 a.m.—W. L. Alexander and J. Harrow.
10.36 a.m.—N. K. Littlejohn and G. B. S. Thomson.
10.40 a.m.—G. Davidson and L. R. Andrewes.
10.44 a.m.—G. E. Costello and B. D. Evans.
10.48 a.m.—W. A. Staley and T. C. Monaghan.
10.52 a.m.—I. H. Gears and A. B. Purves.
10.56 a.m.—A. Leach and F. A. Redmond.
11.00 a.m.—R. M. Henderson and J. S. MacLaren.
11.04 a.m.—W. Stewart and H. Hampton.
11.08 a.m.—C. Mycock and A. Anderson.
11.12 a.m.—H. Lewis and E. des Voeux.
11.16 a.m.—G. S. Archbutt and W. L. Dunbar.
11.20 a.m.—C. M. Gee and N. H. Procter.
11.24 a.m.—W. Lorimer and J. Forbes.
11.28 a.m.—C. J. D. Law and F. R. Burch.
11.32 a.m.—H. V. Parker and L. H. C. Hight.
11.36 a.m.—O. E. C. Marton and R. Young.
11.40 a.m.—Sq. Leader Bounphrey and Lieut. Alexander.
11.44 a.m.—J. W. Albaster and H. J. Armstrong.
11.48 a.m.—A. Q. Brown and S. T. Butlin.
11.52 a.m.—D. S. Edward and W. J. S. Key.
11.56 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and W. J. Roberts.
Noon.—G. W. Sewell and R. K. Hepburn.
12.04 p.m.—R. J. Sneddon and J. P. Sherry.
12.08 p.m.—J. P. Warren and R. K. Valentine.
12.12 p.m.—A. Webster and J. S. Dykes.
12.16 p.m.—J. A. Bloomfield and C. H. Burton.
12.20 p.m.—H. R. Sturt and J. Coulthart.
12.24 p.m.—E. Abraham and B. J. Lecon.
12.28 p.m.—N. V. Croucher and F. Lobel.
12.32 p.m.—H. A. Lammert and S. A. Seth.
12.36 p.m.—W. A. Butterfield and R. Campbell.
12.40 p.m.—W. S. Hillier and J. Brown.

SHMAEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

KEEN NAVAL GAMES ENDS IN DRAW.

Shameen, Jan. 2.
An extremely keen match was witnessed here on New Year's Eve when H.M.S. Tarantula and H.M.S. Seamew drew in the Shameen Football League, each side scoring one goal. The game was very evenly contested throughout and it cannot be said that either side had any marked advantage.

H.M.S. Seamew scored just before half-time, whilst H.M.S. Tarantula scored about 10 minutes after resuming; the Tarantula netted the ball after a melee in front of the Seamew goal from a corner-kick. Both sides made desperate efforts to draw ahead, but despite numerous shots at both goals, no further score was added before the whistle blew.

This match was especially interesting in view of the fact that the Tarantula and the Seamew had both lost only one match during the present season and it was anticipated that the winner of this match should have the most likely chance of coming out at the top of the League. As things stand at present, there is no alteration in the League table. Actually the Seamew may be said to be slightly ahead as they have lost one match and drawn one, whilst the Tarantula has lost one and drawn two.

The return match of the Seamew and Tarantula still remains to be played and this should prove a deciding factor in the first place of the League. The teams in this last match were: H.M.S. Seamew:—Chapman, Cass, Horn, Meacham, Goodman, Grimdall,

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SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
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Chartered Bank, \$181 n.
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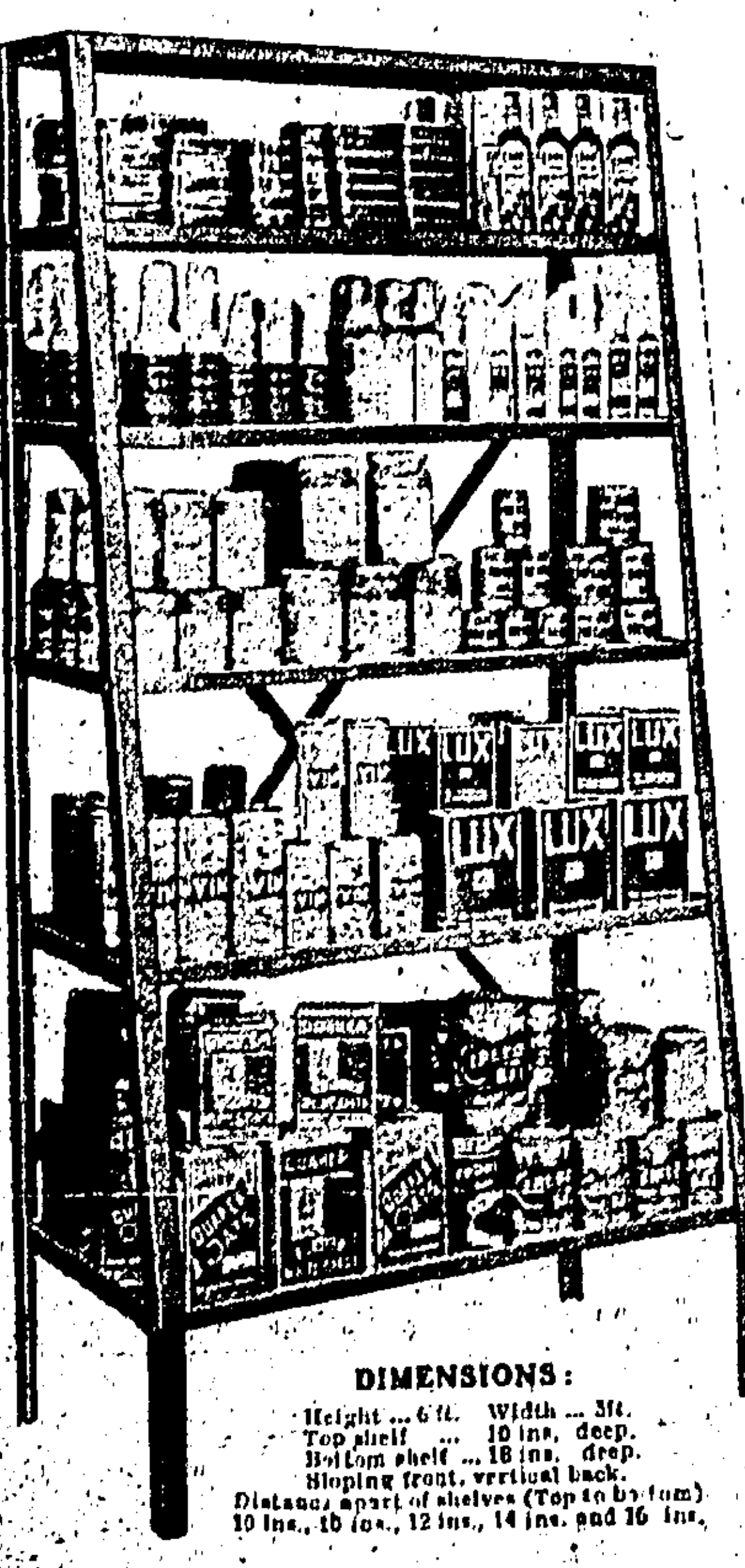
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The Avenging Parrot

by Anne Austen

CHAPTER XXXII

Bonnie Dundee sprang, to his feet and held the crumpled sheet of pale blue notepaper close to the unglazed bulb which swung from the ceiling of the basement. But his eyes, in the dimmer light of the corner where the trash bags were kept, had not deceived him. He read it again:

"The Rhodes House,
Sunday, June 22.

"I have asked you repeatedly not to bother me. I have no intention of doing what you ask and it will be useless to call me or write me again."

"Now who—?" he frowned, and then a simple explanation occurred to him that he could have kicked himself for his stupidity. "Cor, of course! Warning Emil Sevier to lay off, that she wouldn't have anything to do with his plan to rob Mrs. Hogarth."

He added the note to his little pile of possibly important "clues" to be known not exactly what, and was rummaging in the other trash bag when his self-respect reared its bruised head and demanded audience with his brain.

"Why should Cora Barker have to write to Emil Sevier, when they worked side by side at the movie theatre? Why couldn't she simply tell him to let her alone? And somehow—I can't see Cora using baby-blue stationery. Orchid or cream or grey—yes; but baby-blue? No!"

Then he temporarily dismissed the unfinished letter from his mind, for he had made another discovery. Not much of a find, certainly, but at least it gave him an excellent specimen of Emil Sevier's handwriting, if such a thing should ever be needed.

The thing Dundee held in his hand was a Little Queen Theatre programme, for the week of June 9-15. The double sheet had been folded back and forth, time and again in "accordion pleating," but before nervous or absent-minded fingers had done the pleating, they had written all over the white margins:

"Emil Sevier, Emil Sylvester Sevier, E. S. Sevier." It was a dashing signature, one ornamented with many fancy flourishes. It was easy for Dundee to picture the man who was now a fugitive from justice, brooding in his room, and abscondingly scribbling his name upon the programme of the theatre which he had honoured with his services as violinist.

"Join your little friends, Emil, but don't contaminate them," Dundee chuckled, as he laid the pleated theatre programme beside his other finds.

And back to the messy task he went. Lord, what a lot of junk accumulated in a boarding house! Empty face powder and canny boxes; silk stockings hopelessly "lindereed;" wrapping paper and tins; advertising circulars; cigarette stubs—ugh! And then he found still another sheet of paper which made him pause and speculate with narrowed eyes.

It was a billhead of "The Gentlemen's Shop," owned by Walter Styles. There was one long column of figures, which added to a four-figure total, and another short column whose sum was considerably smaller. The billhead and the assets of "The Gentlemen's Shop?" More than likely, Dundee concluded. Scrawled across the two columns were the words, "Oh, God! What's the use?" And he looked across the bottom of the sheet he found:

"\$20,000? \$15,000? \$10,000?"

"My dear Walter, I do believe you were speculating upon the amount of money poor old Mrs. Hogarth had cashed away in her room, and which you were temporarily an heir to! Or were these interesting calculations and speculations made after you were disinherited, and just before you proposed to Norma Paige, the new heiress? . . . At any rate, my dear Walter, one might say off hand that you were a fairly desperate young man when you did this bit of figuring."

That betraying evidence of Walter Styles' urgent need for money was the last find Dundee was able to add to his little collection, however. Bundling the lot into his handkerchief and stuffing it into his coat pocket, he trudged upstairs to the kitchen, where he found Mrs. Rhodes temporarily alone, engaged in dicing apples and celery for the dinner salad.

"One more favour, Mother Rhodes," he coaxed, as he returned the key to the basement door. "Do you recognize this handwriting?" and he showed her the sheet of pale-blue stationery, "taking care, however, that only the first words of it—"The Rhodes House, Sunday, June 22"—were exposed.

"Of course. I do! I've seen it often enough," she retorted. "That's Daisy's handwriting, and the very

fine detective you are—fishing girls' stationery I gave her for a Christmas present, if you must know. A love letter out of the trash."

"Then I don't deserve an apple, do I?" he sighed regretfully.

"Oh, take it and run along!" she scolded, but she polished the little red apple until its cheeks shone. "I suppose you've got to earn your living somehow, but it does seem to me—"

"Me, too!" he laughed, as he strolled out of the kitchen, munching his apple.

But he was not laughing when he returned Daisy Shepherd's unfinished letter to his coat pocket. To whom did that letter, in its final form, go? And what did that person want Daisy Shepherd to do? How easy it would be to leap to conclusions! So easy to connect the board-beating A. B. Wheeler, who had written Daisy from Chicago, with the long distance call which had come on Saturday night at 12 o'clock, and which Daisy could not be found to answer. So easy to put two and two together and make it add up to five! For he had no proof at all that this peculiar message in his pocket had ever been intended for A. B. Wheeler, or that it even remotely concerned Mrs. Emma Hogarth's "hidden hoard."

"Why the devil doesn't Strawn write that description of Griffin?" he asked himself angrily, and then charged up two flights of stairs to make the same demand, but more tactfully worded, of Sergeant Turner.

"I've been ringing you, but you didn't answer," came the detective sergeant's rebuff. "Just got a wire from Strawn. Says he's leaving Belmont tonight, but prefers to wait till he gets here to give you his news. Trip not very successful, he adds."

"What does he mean—not very successful?" Dundee cried. "If Griffin lived and worked in a bank in Belmont, I guess he can at least get a description of the bird, can't he?"

"Lieutenant Strawn is my superior—and yours," Sergeant Turner answered brusquely, and hung up the receiver without the formality of good-byes.

"Damn!" Lieutenant Strawn's new subordinate slammed the receiver upon the hook. "Nothing to do but to mark time for another 24 hours—"

Deeply discouraged, he transferred his little collection of "clues" to his suitcase, and locked them up contemptuously. "Maybe Mrs. Rhodes is right, in her estimate of me—just a kid having a lot of fun at playing story-book detective! Clue! Huh! Bet there's not a real honest-to-God clue in the whole lot!"

But he felt better when he had had a cool shower, washing away all traces of his trash-barrowing, and had arrayed himself hand-somely in his best summer suit. Maybe Norma would join him for a stroll about the grounds this afternoon before dinner.

But though he strolled most conspicuously, taking care to keep within sight of her window, he was again doomed to disappointment.

It was nearly 5 o'clock when the sight of Dusty Rhodes shambling toward the abandoned hothouse on the west lawn reminded the young detective that he had neglected to search that particular place.

"She says I gotta mow the lawn for an hour before dinner," Dusty replied to Dundee's idle question. "Lawn-mower's in the hothouse. Allus got some'n for me to do. If it ain't this it's that, and if it ain't one darn thing it's two."

"Life's like that, Dusty," Bonnie sympathized hypocritically. "Mind if I have a look at this old green-house of yours? . . . Hmm! Pretty sad, isn't it?"

"I'm afein' to get around to settin' out some plants, but she's allus got some'n else for me to do," Dusty sighed, as he trundled the squeaking lawn-mower out into the sunshine, leaving the young detective to stare about at the desolation within.

At least half of the glass panes which formed the walls and the sharply peaked roof were broken and those that remained were opaque with dust. Upon sagging shelves were ancient flower pots, the burying places of long-dead plants. But in one of the pots, half hidden under the sere leaves of a dead geranium, Dundee made a discovery. It was a cigarette butt, showing half of the name of a brand which Dundee recognized as a Cuban import—a cheap cigarette but not very popular because of its biting strength. He was about to leave the hothouse when he caught sight of a piece of paper blown against the underside of one of the lower shelves. He retrieved it, and then his heart sank. So Strawn was

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TODAY'S BROADCASTING PROGRAMME.

A varied and interesting musical programme will be broadcast from Station ZBW to-day. The full programme is given below:

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5.00-6.00 p.m. Programme of Columbia records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Anderson.

"That's a good girl—Selection," (Charing and Meyer).

"Daisy Somers Band."

"Classical—Selection," (arr. Ewing).

"J. H. Squire Celeste Octet."

"Les Patineurs, Valse (The Skaters)"

"Les Sirenes, Valse," (Waldteufel).

"Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards."

"Me and the man in the Moon," (Leslie and Monaco).

"My Blackbirds are Bluebirds now," (Cesar and Friend).

"Layton and Johnstone."

"The Bohemian Girl—Vocal Gems," (Balfie) Part 1.

Miriam Licette, Francis Russell and Chorus.

"The Bohemian Girl—Vocal Gems," (Balfie) Part 2.

Dennis Noble, Harry Frindals and Chorus.

"Noche de Arabia (Arabian Night)," (E. F. Arbo).

Madrid Symphony Orchestra.

"Sailing up the Clyde," (Will Fyffe).

"Ye can come and see the baby," (Will Fyffe).

6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme.

"45 p.m. Weather report."

7.00 p.m. Programme of Columbia records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Anderson.

"Melody in F," (Rubinstein, arr. Pattman).

"Narcissus," (Nevin, arr. Pattman).

Organ Solo by Pattman.

"Le Maschere—Sinfonia," (Mascagni).

7.45 p.m. Chinese programme.

"Funny face—He loves and she loves," (Gershwin and Gershwin).

"So long Letty—Rainbow," (Meyer and Eytan).

Billy Mayer and Owen Farrar.

"Technikowskiana," (arr. Herman Hand).

Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra.

"The Idyllic Tongue," (Billy Bennett).

"Fluttering Birds," (J. Genin).

"Idyllic Bretonne," (J. Genin).

Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the

Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

"Only an old rough Diamond," (Trevor and Stroud).

"Time to go (A Shanty Ballad)," (Wentherly and Sanderson).

"Old Panama March," (Dundell, Alfred).

(K. J. March).

Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"One Kiss," (Evelyn Laye and Chorus).

"Lover come back to me," (Drury Lane Theatre).

"O that it were so," (W. S. Lander and Frank Bridge).

"Here in the quiet hills," (O'Reilly and Curran).

A. Robert Poole, Baritone.

"The chocolate soldier—My Hero," (Waltz), (Oscar Straus).

"The merry widow" Waltz," (Franz Lehár).

Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

right after all, and Sevier had been on these grounds as late as last Saturday.

For the thing which Dundee held in his hands was a programme of the Little Queen Theatre, folded in accordion pleating, exactly like the programme he had found that afternoon in the trash bag. And while this programme was not lavishly photographed by Emil Sevier, there could be little doubt that the same nervous hands had folded both.

Twenty minutes later Dundee was making Sergeant Turner, his nominal chief during Lieutenant Strawn's absence, a present of his two finds.

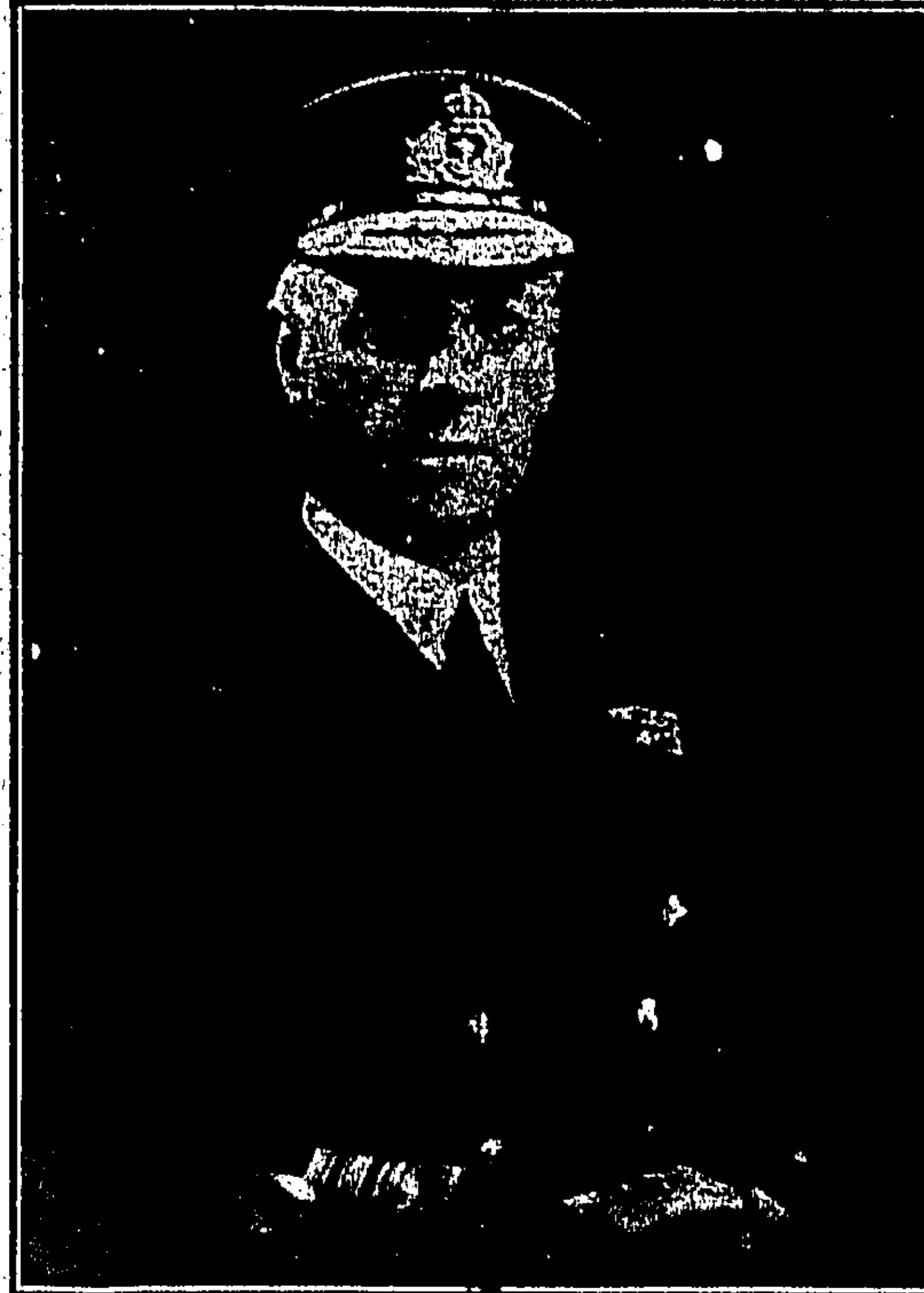
"I've checked them both," he admitted, with admirable grace, for he was keenly disappointed to find that he had apparently been on the wrong track all along. "This is the brand of cigarette that Sevier smoked, according to Mr. Rhodes. None of the other smokers in the house could stand them, always refused when Sevier offered them. The flower pot in which I found it is directly under a broken pane in the roof. It rained early Saturday morning, and hasn't rained a drop since. If the stub had been there before Saturday, it would have been soaked. You can see that it hasn't been rained on."

"And the theatre programme? What does that prove, beyond the fact that Sevier probably folded it?" Sergeant Turner asked.

"The programme is for the current week at the Little Queen, that is, for the week beginning last Sunday. But I telephoned the manager and he told me that the new programmes are distributed in the theatre on Saturday. Sevier was at the Little Queen Saturday night, as we know. Undoubtedly he picked up one then, and while waiting his chance in the hothouse, absent-mindedly pleated it in his characteristic fashion, then carelessly dropped it."

"They always leave some clue," Sergeant Turner commented. "Well, congratulations, my boy! We've got Sevier sewed up—if we ever find him!"

THIS MORNING'S INVESTITURE.



Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Waistell, who was invested with the K.B.E. decoration at Government House this morning.

NAVAL CHANGES.

CHINA STATION OFFICERS TO HIGHER RANK.

The Commander-in-Chief, China Station (Vice Admiral Sir Arthur K. Waistell, K.C.B.), has informed us through the Naval Staff Intelligence Officer that the following promotions have been made in the Royal Navy and Royal Marine units attached to the station. These promotions will date from December 31, 1929, except where otherwise stated below:

Commanders to Captains.—E. B. C. Ficken, F. N. Atwood, I. B. R. Tower, J. F. B. Carslake, M. J. C. De Merie.

Lieutenant-Commanders to Commanders.—A. G. N. Wyatt, R. L. Moore, P. R. Baxter, E. D. B. M. Carthy, H. R. Sandwith, D. P. Cather, R. F. Norrie, G. D. Yates, H. Chancely, F. C. Flynn, R. A. Martin, R. D. Oliver, A. B. Fushaw, I. A. P. Macintyre, H. H. M. William, H. B. Crane, N. B. Deakin, E. H. N. Harvey, J. A. Bickford Smith, E. S. Brand, E. L. Sertham, T. H. Troubridge, P. Todd, A. C. G. Madden, H. J. Murphy.

Engineers-Commanders to Engrs. Capts.—S. R. Dight, H. H. Huxham, G. W. R. Page.

Lieut. Commanders (E) to Commanders (E).—J. F. W. Tamplin, T. W. A. Masterman, P. E. E. Walker, R. P. Chapman.

Engineer Lieutenant-Commanders to Engineer Commanders.—R. C. Sloman, P. H. M. Carlan, W. T. A. Jordan, A. L. Thompson.

Surgeon Commanders to Surgeon Captains.—F. J. Gowan, L. Warren, S. F. Dudley.

Pay Commander to Pay Captain.—C. W. Capner, C. A. Ward.

Royal Marines.—Major to Brevet Lieut.-Colonel.—R. D. H. Lough, (To date 1st Jan. 1930).

Captain to Brevet Major.—A. M. Graig, (To date 1st Jan. 1930).

The zone of promotion for Lieut. Commander on 30th June, 1930 will be three to seven years in that rank.

The following promotions have been announced by the Commonwealth Naval Board.—To Captain, Commander C. J. Pope. To Electrical Lieutenant, Mr. E. C. Burke, (Commissioned Elec.).

WASHINGTON MOTOR CRASH.

INVOLVES CHILDREN OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNOR.

Washington, Dec. 28. Dwight and Cynthia Davis, two children of Governor General Davis of the Philippines, were slightly injured in an automobile accident here to-day.

They were riding in a machine owned by Peter Detreschow, counsellor of the Danish Legation here. Detreschow was also slightly injured.

Detreschow's automobile collided with another one driven by Louise Wilson, a negress, who was arrested, charged with reckless driving.

Cynthia Davis and Detreschow were only bruised. Dwight Davis sustained cuts about the head.

An excellent evening of music and competitions was enjoyed by a large gathering of members and their friends at the usual monthly "Ladies' Night" held at the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, yesterday. The programme was, as heretofore, full of versatility and originality.

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COUNCIL MEETING.

LAY-OUT OF STAR FERRY APPROACH.

Questions relating to the lay-out of the Star Ferry approach at Kowloon Point were asked by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council. The Colonial Secretary, in his reply, stated that the Kowloon Residents' Association were sending in a fresh plan showing the proposed improvements. This plan had not yet been received.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), presided and others present were: His Excellency the General Officer Commanding The Troops (Major General J. W. Sandilands C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.), The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.), The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.), Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Inspector General of Police), Hon. Mr. G. F. Hole, R.N., (Retired) (Harbour Master), Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., L.L.D., Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Hon. Mr. S. W. T'ao, C.B.E., L.L.D., Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones (Deputy Clerk of Councils), Standing Law Committee, H.E. The Governor—Gentle-

men. As this is the first meeting of the Council this year, it is necessary to appoint the Standing Law Committee. I propose to appoint the following members who have agreed to serve: The Hon. Attorney General (Chairman), the Hon. Colonial Secretary (Treasurer), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Dr. Kotewall and the Hon. Mr. Shenton. I also take this opportunity of wishing all members of this Council, and through them the whole Colony, a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Star Ferry Approach. Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked the following questions:

1. Will the Honourable Director of Public Works lay on the table of this Council, at the earliest convenient date, a full report, supplemented by a plan, on the scheme for improving the approach to the "Star" Ferry Pier at Kowloon Point, showing—

(i) any proposed change in the position of—
(a) the ricksha coolie shelter; and
(b) the adjoining public convenience;

(ii) the provision, if any, of parking spaces for—
(a) attended, and
(b) unattended motor-cars and motor-cycles;

(iii) an improved arrangement for parking public motor-buses?

2. What is the estimated cost of the scheme and the period required for its completion?

3. Will the Government include the proposed scheme in the list of urgent Public Works Extraordinary and ask for a supplementary vote from the Finance Committee of this Council to defray its cost and with a view to inviting tenders for carrying it out with as little delay as possible?

The Colonial Secretary replied: 1. Fresh proposals for the lay-out of the approach to the Star

NEW RIVER BOAT.

FASTEST VESSEL ON CANTON RUN.

Now lying at Kowloon Dock, where the last stages of her reconstruction are being attended to, is the turbine steamer, Venezia, formerly the S.S. Kingfisher. When the work is completed the vessel will be put on the Canton-Hongkong-Macao run, and will be the fastest vessel in that service.

The Venezia is owned by the China New Era Shipping Co., with offices in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building. This enterprising company has spent a good deal of money on the vessel, and no detail of accommodation has been overlooked, so the result that in addition to her speed, which will attract passengers, the Venezia will be one of the most comfortable ships trading to Canton.

Driven by triple turbines, and using oil fuel, the Venezia will be capable of a speed of 20.4 knots. She was originally a coal burner, and it is this change that has been the most difficult part of the reconstruction operations. She is 276 feet long and 32.1 feet wide, her promenade deck being 254 feet long. When she sails from Hongkong she will carry European officers and engineers and a Chinese crew.

It is not yet definitely known when the work will be completed, but it is believed that it will not be many weeks before this worthy addition to the river service makes her maiden voyage.

Ferry Pier at Kowloon Point are under consideration at the present time. A meeting on the site between representatives of the Police department and the Kowloon Residents' Association took place on the 9th December, 1929, after which the Kowloon Residents' Association representatives stated that they would send in a fresh plan showing the proposed improvements which would be a modification of a plan submitted previously. This plan has not yet been received. It is proposed to issue a Sessional Paper on this matter as early as possible.

2. This information cannot be given until the scheme is settled.

3. This question will not arise until the scheme has been approved.

Opium Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend further the Opium Ordinance, 1923." He said: This Bill involves no question of principle except principle long since accepted, namely, that our control of opium should be as close as possible. The Bill is intended to stop up some small gaps which exist in our defences against the smuggler. The details are explained in the Objects and Reasons. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Bills Passed.

The following Bills passed their remaining stages and became law:

An Ordinance to amend the Printers and Publishers Ordinance, 1927.

An Ordinance to incorporate a Body of Trustees capable of holding property for the purposes of the Church of England, and to provide for the performance of divine worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and, for certain objects ancillary to the aforesaid objects.

The Council adjourned until Thursday, January 23.

INDIAN CONGRESS.

HOME PRESS COMMENT.

London, Jan. 2.

During the past week the newspapers have been absorbed in the events in India and this morning they devote leading articles to happenings at Lahore and to the possibilities of the future.

The Daily Herald describes complete independence as the goal of the All India Congress instead of Dominion Status, "an academic change involving no immediate consequences." The same paper appeals to Gandhi to co-operate with the Government and points out that nothing can be achieved by a mere "we will not play" attitude.

The Times is encouraged by the attitude of the Indian Liberals and Moderates and welcomes the prospect of "for the first time an organised force emerging in Indian politics with a sense of realities and a determination to face them."

The Conservative organs generally deplore the activities of Gandhi and his followers.—Reuter.

Position Summarised.

London, Jan. 2.

The proceedings of the Indian Congress concluded yesterday, and the Times in a leading article says:—

"The formal outcome of the hubbub at Lahore is that three main propositions have been carried, not without confusion, by the persuasive eloquence of Mr. Gandhi. In the first place, members of the Congress Party reject the offer of participation in the London Conference and pronounce their goal to be the complete independence of India. In the second place, they are called upon to boycott the existing Central and Provincial Legislatures, to take no part in future elections, and to resign such seats as they may hold at present. In the third place, they authorize their committee, whenever they deem fit, to launch a programme of civil disobedience, including a general refusal to pay taxes.

"Whether the new platform is likely to strengthen them, even as an Indian political party, must be regarded as very questionable. Meanwhile one of the first results has been the emergence in force of the Liberals, meeting in simultaneous congress at Madras who have lost no time in welcoming the London Conference and have recognized publicly the rights of the States in greater united India, and have roundly deplored the turmoil in which the cry of independence must involve their country. And the transference of allegiance is certain to be more rapid as the enthusiasm of Lahore grows cooler, and its quarrels and personal difficulties more apparent.

"It is sufficient for the moment to note that the actual terms of the resolution at Madras—a constitution based on Dominion Status, subject to such safeguards and reservations as may be necessary for the period of transition—are not after all incongruous in principle with the declared purposes of British statesmanship. What really matters most is that, for first time, there seems some prospect of organized force emerging in Indian politics, with a sense of realities and a determination to face them."

The Moderates.

The Manchester Guardian also expresses the view that, "The Lahore Congress having decided to base its policy on emotions and ideals and to ignore facts, the Indian moderates have a chance of

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regaining control of India's course. At Madras they were urged to take it by Sastri, whom Indian statesmen, more than any other statesman, hardly excepting Gandhi himself, The Guardian urges the moderates, who have many distinguished leaders, to organise the party with a policy likely to yield practical results by securing the co-operation of the British Government.

The Labour newspaper, the Daily Herald, says Gandhi and his colleagues have made a singularly foolish blunder in committing the Lahore Congress to a futile policy of mere negation. "The policy of the British Government and of the Government of India in the face of the Congress resolution is clear. Nothing which has passed at Lahore calls for even the slightest change. The goal has been declared. The path by which it is sought to reach that goal has been outlined. The new spirit which Mr. Bann and Lord Irwin have brought into Anglo-Indian relations and into the methods of Indian Government endures. The invitation to the Indian leaders stands. There will be no defection either to the right or to the left. If, indeed, there are on the part of the more irresponsible elements outbreaks of violence, or of defiance of law, they will be dealt with firmly. But firmness in maintaining order will be accompanied by equal firmness in adhering to the policy of friendship, conciliation and of steady pursuit of the path of self-government."

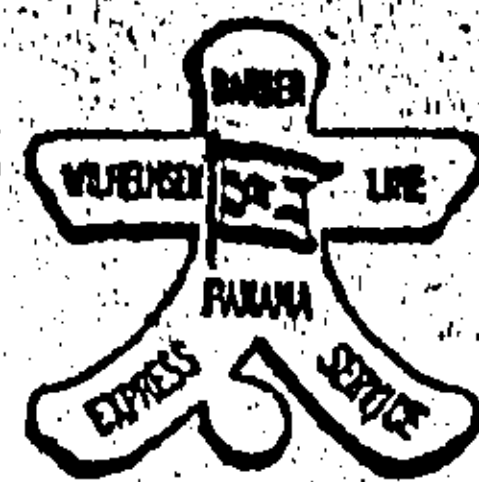
The Herald urges Gandhi to reflect before a decision to refuse to take part in achieving the new constitution for India becomes irrevocable.—British Wireless.

"Puran Swaraj."

Lahore, Jan. 2.

"Puran Swaraj" (complete home rule) the new Nationalist creed, will be emblazoned on banners all over the country in a demonstration arranged for January 26.

It is understood the new Congress working committee has decided to authorise the president to call on all Congressmen of various legislatures to resign immediately, but has decided to delay civil disobedience in order to see whether future repressive action by the Government can be made the occasion for this policy.—Reuter.



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SHIRALA	7,841	8th Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
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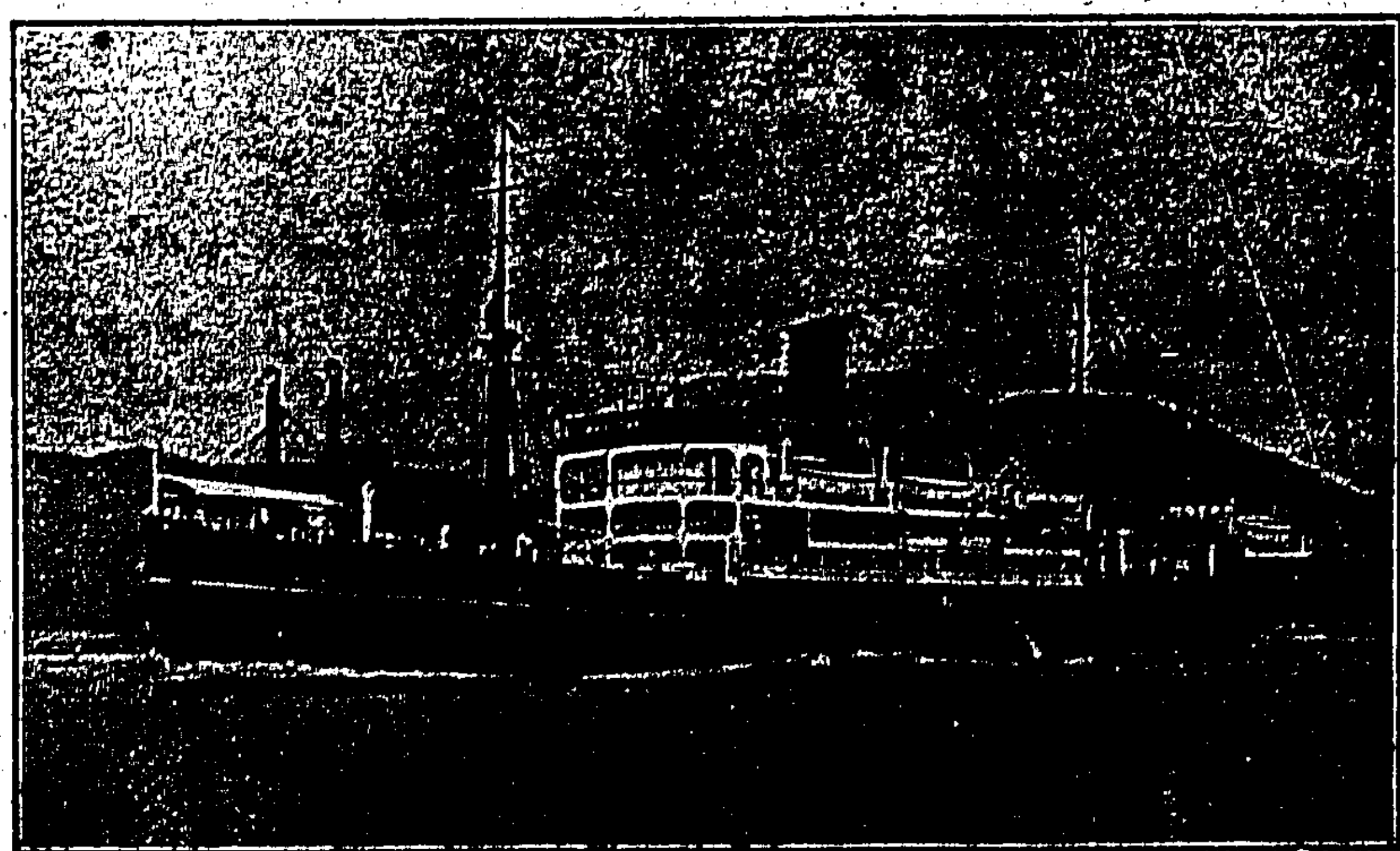
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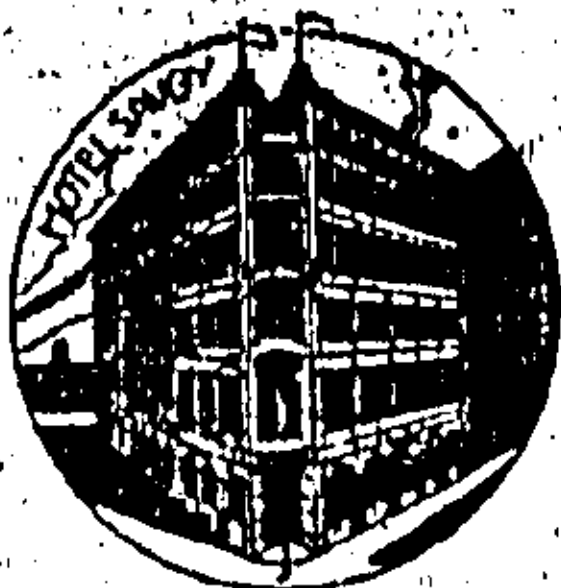
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on Monday, January 6, will be the
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about 30 leading Italian industrial
and business men who are on a voy-
age to Japan with the intention of
studying the advisability of increas-
ing the present trade between Italy
and the Far East countries.

The voyage is held under the
auspices of the Japanese Consul at
Milan.

These men have on board various
samples of merchandise which will
doubtless prove of interest to the
Colony and local business firms are
cordially invited to send representa-
tives to visit the ship on her arrival.
She will berth alongside Kowloon

MR. MORGAN'S GIFT TO BE
USED FOR SURVEYING.

Washington, Jan. 2.
Mr. J. P. Morgan has donated
his famous yacht, the Corsair to
the Government.

After many years of cruising
the high seas, the yacht will be
employed in geodetic survey work
on the United States coast, re-
charting the entire Atlantic and
Gulf of Mexico seaboard.—
Reuter's American Service.

Wharf. The Remo is a sister ship of the
Remolo, which is also well-known in
Hongkong. Both are owned by Lloyd
Triestino, the Remolo being built in
1920 and the Remo in 1927.

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**TIMELY ACTION BY
POLICE.**

**INTERVENTION IN A CHOPPER
ATTACK.**

KOWLOON INCIDENT.

The timely arrival of Sergeant
Kelly during a fight outside a con-
tractor's marts in Prince Edward
Road, near the Training School,
prevented what might have been a
serious incident, resulting, possibly,
in one of two men involved being
badly hacked by the other, who was
armed with a chopper.

Both men, who were arrested,
were brought before Mr. Whyte
Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning and charged with be-
having in a disorderly manner.
They pleaded guilty.

Sergeant Kelly explained that,
hearing cries of "Go" (strike), he
rushed in the direction of the shouts
and saw the first defendant about to
strike the other over the head with
a chopper. If the officer had been
a few minutes later in arriving on
the scene, the first defendant would
have been before his Worship on a
more serious charge.

As it was, the man was prevented
from bringing home the blow and
both were arrested. The second de-
fendant was carrying a bamboo
pole, while there were quite a num-
ber of others also carrying poles.
It was thought that the second de-
fendant had been the cause of the
trouble, and the other men carry-
ing poles were after him.

The fight seemed to have arisen
over a woman going to the first
defendant's marts to look for em-
ployment. The first defendant, who
was engaged as watchman at the
shed, refused to admit her and the
second defendant then started to
assault him.

His Worship fined the first de-
fendant \$25, or three weeks' hard
labour, while the second defendant
was fined \$10, or fourteen days' im-
prisonment in default.

**CHINESE CALENDAR
PROBLEM.**

**DIFFICULTIES THAT MUST
BE FACED.**

Szwatow, Dec. 31.
The Ministry of the Interior
is making another and more de-
termined attempt this year to
enforce what is now known as
the "national" calendar. Such
annual holidays as fall at the
New Year are to be kept now, and
not at January 30th, the Chinese
New Year, old style. Calendars
published on Chinese soil have
been forbidden to print the two
styles paralleled.

The 24 Solar Terms which
formed a feature of the old lunar
calendar form a link between the
new and the old, especially for
the agricultural population. Plant-
ing, ploughing and reaping are
all determined by these feasts,
and to that extent the new
calendar suits the national life.
But more than legislative enact-
ment will be required to change
the face of the country so much
as to adjust its three-day fairs,
and its merchant book-keeping to
the new calendar.

The difficulty is to make a
beginning and to persuade those
concerned that they do not lose
in one year or another the
difference between the two new
years. As most contracts, especial-
ly for engagement of teachers,
etc. are based on the old system,
and are annual, and as further
assistants in shops and businesses
are accustomed to get a bonus on
the year's working when the books
are closed at the old style new
year, there would be loss on one
side or another at the year of
change.—Our Own Correspondent.

**KWANGTUNG SALT
REVENUES.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

compared with 3,636,000 in the pre-
vious year.

Obligations Met.

All foreign loan and indemnity
obligations secured on the Customs
revenue were met in full. The
silver cost of this was 55,236,000
HK. taels, as compared with
57,338,000 in 1928. This means an
extra charge on the Chinese
Customs revenue of 7,947,000 taels,
due to the unfavourable rate of ex-
change.

Service of both interest and re-
demption, secured on cancelled in-
demnities, and additional duty has
been met or provided for fully.
Interest on domestic loans secured
on the old five per cent Customs re-
venue surplus has also been met in
full.—Reuter.

The Maritime Customs revenue for
1929 is easily a record and is
accounted for in large measure by
the new import tariff which was in-
troduced on February 1, 1929.

**EXTRALITY ISSUE
CLEARER.**

**MANDATE REALLY DEFINES
STARTING-POINT.**

GRADUAL ABOLITION.

Washington, Jan. 2.
Mr. Stimson has issued a state-
ment to the effect that Nanking's
decree abolishing extraterritoriality
agrees with the position taken
up by the U.S. Government.

He says that the report that
Nanking was automatically termi-
nating extraterritorial rights on Janu-
ary 1st is not borne out by the text
of the decree, which Mr. Stimson
interprets to mean that the Chi-
nese wish January 1st to be the
starting-point for gradual elimina-
tion of extraterritorial rights of
the foreign Powers.

Mr. Stimson adds that conversa-
tions on this subject between the
Chinese Minister, Dr. C. C. Wu,
and the State Department will
continue even while he is in Lon-
don.—Reuter's American Service.

Peking, Jan. 2.
Sir Miles Lampson left this
morning for Nanking and is
sailing to-morrow from Tientsin
accompanied by Mr. Titchman,
the Chinese Secretary and Mr.
Sterndale Bennett, the Second
Secretary of the Legation.

It is understood that the visit
is a routine periodic one paid
by the Minister, which should
have taken place early in Decem-
ber, but the civil disturbances
prevented it.

It was thought that Nanking's
extraterritorial mandate might have
stopped the visit, but the British
policy is unchanged by the man-
date. Sir Miles Lampson is go-
ing to negotiate for gradual
relinquishment in accordance
with the last British Note on the
subject, to which negotiations it
is understood Nanking is agree-
able despite the mandate.—
Reuter.

**MR. SNOWDEN OFF
TO THE HAGUE.**

**NO REPETITION OF LAST
DUEL THERE.**

REPARATIONS ISSUES.

London, Jan. 2.
Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer, accom-
panied by Mrs. Snowden and Mr.
William Graham, the President of
the Board of Trade, left for the
Hague to-day for the Second
Reparations Conference.

The delegation is essentially
a Treasury party. Mr. Arthur
Henderson, the Foreign Secretary,
is not going as political questions
are not being considered.

The main problems will be the
organisation of the International
Bank and consideration of the
draft charter drawn up by the
Organisation Committee which
met at Baden-Baden.

The Conference will also
examine in detail proposals re-
garding deliveries in kind, and
questions affecting non-German
reparations.

In an interview with Reuter's
representative before his depar-
ture, Mr. Snowden said he did not
think that the work of reaching an
understanding would be as
arduous as the last time. The
preparation for the second confer-
ence had been much more
thorough.

He expressed the opinion that
the International Bank was a high-
ly complicated venture, but he
thought the charter would be
adopted.—Reuter.

**HONGKONG LAUNCH
DETAINED.**

**HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT
AT WUCHOW.**

News received in the Colony says
it is reported that the British-regis-
tered steam launch Tung On, which
sank a Chinese launch commanded
by the military at Shuhing re-
cently, is still being detained by the
Chinese Executive Government at
Wuchow.

The detained launch is owned
by Hung Hing Tat, of Hong-
kong. The report of the recent
collision made no mention of any
casualties being suffered.

COLDER WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports
that the anticyclone has increased
considerably in intensity and has
extended southward over Yangtze
Valley. The depression is moving
eastward and will probably pass
between Tokyo and Aichi, Bomiya.
The monsoon will freshen consi-
derably along the coast and over
the North China Sea. The fore-
cast till noon to-morrow is: N.E.
winds, fresh; fair; first, cloudy
with rain later; colder.

**THE WELFARE OF
THE BLIND.**

**HELPLESS UNEMPLOYABLES
IN BRITISH ISLES.**

SPECIAL GRANT PLAN.

London, Jan. 2.
It is officially stated that blind
persons registered in the British
Isles number 50,771 and that 36,485
of these are classed among the un-
employed.

How further to improve their lot
is discussed in a report signed by
Lord Blanesburgh, and presented by
the Advisory Committee on the
welfare of the blind to the Minis-
try of Health.

The returns from local authorities
show that of the unemployable
blind, 5,111 are in institutions, and
31,374 live at home or in lodgings.
Only two-thirds of the latter
possess means, including grants ex-
ceeding fifteen shillings a week.

A scheme for the provision of an
assured minimum income for all
unemployable blind persons living
at home or in lodging is recom-
mended by the Advisory Committee.

Local authorities are urged to
adopt a comprehensive scheme
which will provide that the means
of those living in urban areas shall
be brought up to twenty-five shil-
lings weekly. Standard incomes of
eighteen shillings weekly in rural
areas and twenty shillings in the
more urban country areas are
suggested.

The Committee expresses the
opinion that the age at which old
age pensions are payable to the
blind should be reduced from 50 to
40 years.—British Wireless.

**KEROSENE DANGER
ON SAMPANS.**

**SERIOUS CASE AT MARINE
COURT TO-DAY.**

What Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.,
described as a very serious offence
was mentioned at the Marine
Court this morning when the mas-
ters of two sampans were charged
with mooring their boats at Sha-
ukwan, instead of at the Danger-
ous Goods Anchorage, with a
quantity of kerosene on board.

One defendant had 40 tins and
the other 36 tins, and Sgt. Good-
win, who prosecuted, also men-
tioned that packages of matches
were lying on top of the tins.

His Worship imposed a fine of
\$100, or two months' hard labour.
One of the defendants was also
charged with failing to take out a
licence and was fined \$6 or six
days.

**THE PHILIPPINES
BOUNDARY.**

**BRITAIN AND AMERICA SIGN
CONVENTION.**

Washington, Jan. 2.
Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary
of State, and Sir Esmé Howard,
the British Ambassador in Wash-
ington, to-day signed a Convention
delimitating the boundary between
the Philippine Archipelago and
British North Borneo.

The Convention does not alter
existing boundaries, but confirms
the title of the United States to
Turtle Islands, which will continue
to be administered by the British
North Borneo Company.

The Convention settles the last
outstanding question regarding
sovereignty over the islands of the
Pacific.—Reuter's American Ser-
vice.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

**CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM
NEW YORK.**

The following quotations as at the
close of the market on Thursday have
been received from their correspon-
dents Messrs. Hayden, Stone and Co.,
of New York, by Messrs. Swan,
Culbertson and Fritz, Nassau House,
Shanghai, (cable address: "Swan-
stock," Shanghai), who are not
responsible for cable mutilations.

Previous	Latest	Price
Anasconda Copper	75	72
Baltimore and Ohio	112	117
Bethlehem Steel	95	94
Chrysler Corp. (Com- mon)	27	36
Erie Ry. Co.	57	57
General Motors	41	41
General Ry. Signal	86	87
Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Consolidated	62	62
International Cement (Common)	57	unq.
Liggett and Myers "B"	98	97
Missouri Pacific (Com- mon)	88	88
Nevada Consolidated Copper	29	29
Radio Corporation of America (Common)	44	44
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	66	66
Standard Oil Co. of New York	33	33
Southern Pacific	119	122
Texas Corporation	66	55
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	39	35
United States Steel	171	167

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**THE
VIKING**



IN FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS

**THE "SARATOGA" QUEEN OF U. S. NAVY
IN ACTION.
THE NAVY LOSE TO NOTRE DAME BEFORE 80,000
HEAR THE MUEZZIN'S CALL TO PRAYER**

**THE KENTUCKY JUBILEE SINGERS' REHENSION OF
"DEEP RIVER"
"CARRY ME BACK TO OLD VIRGINY"
"WE'LL SHOUT OVER GOD'S HEAVEN."**

**QUEEN'S TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 and 9.20.**

Greta Garbo
in
The Single Standard

with
**NILS ASTHER
DOROTHY SEBASTIAN
JOHN MACK BROWN**



**WORLD TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
At 2.30 & 7.15 Interpreter
At 5.15 & 9.20 Orchestra**

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